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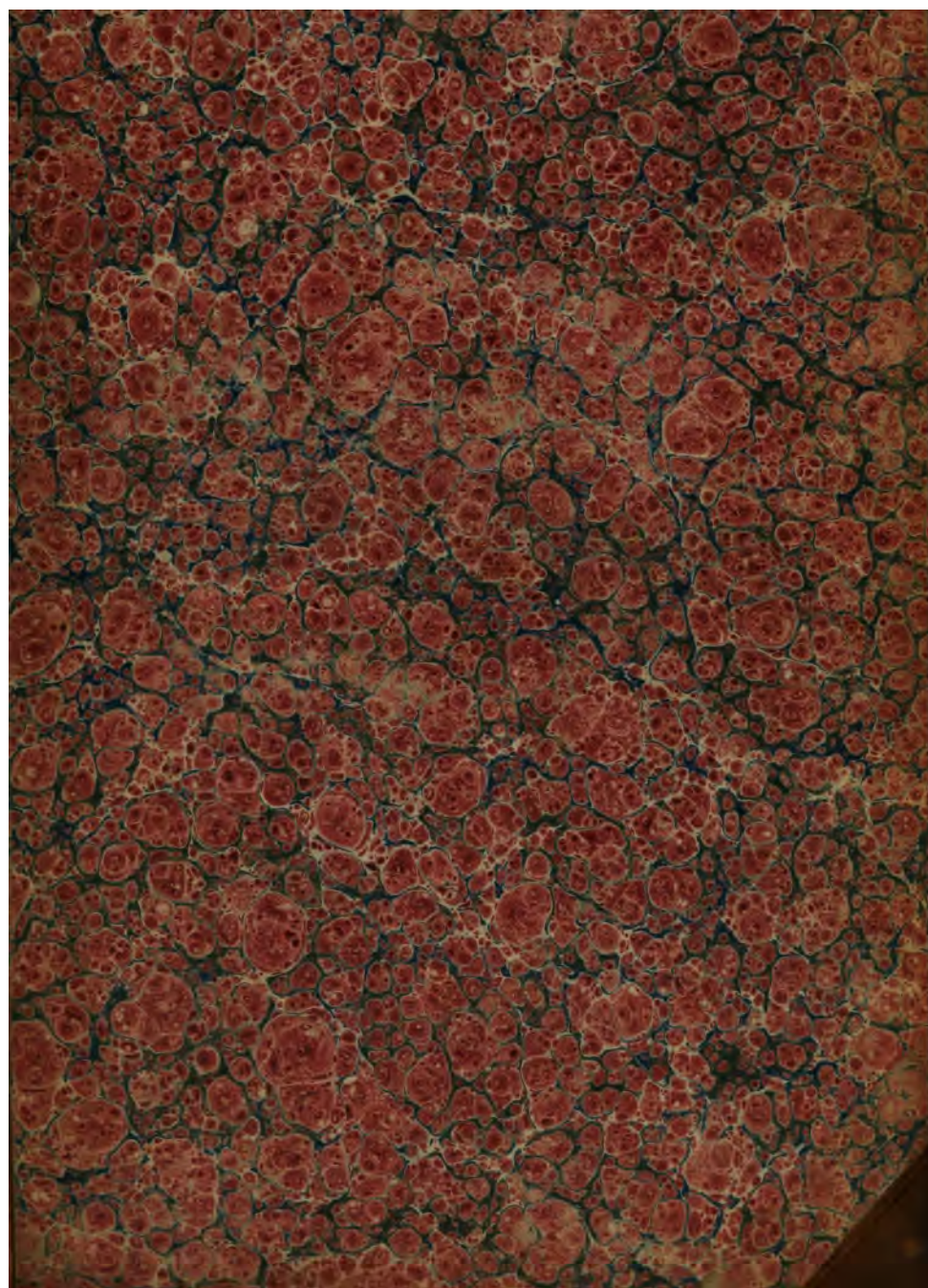
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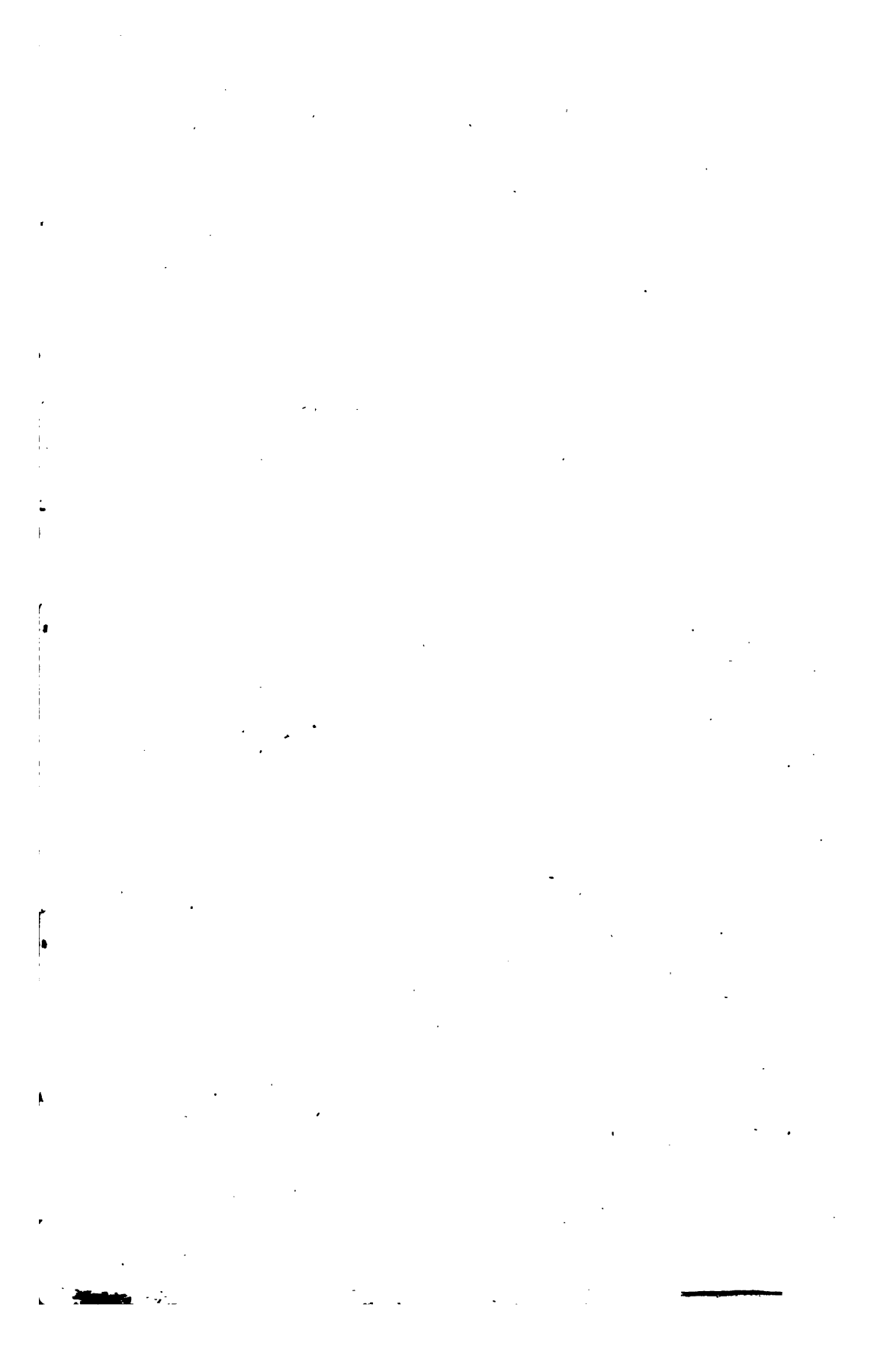
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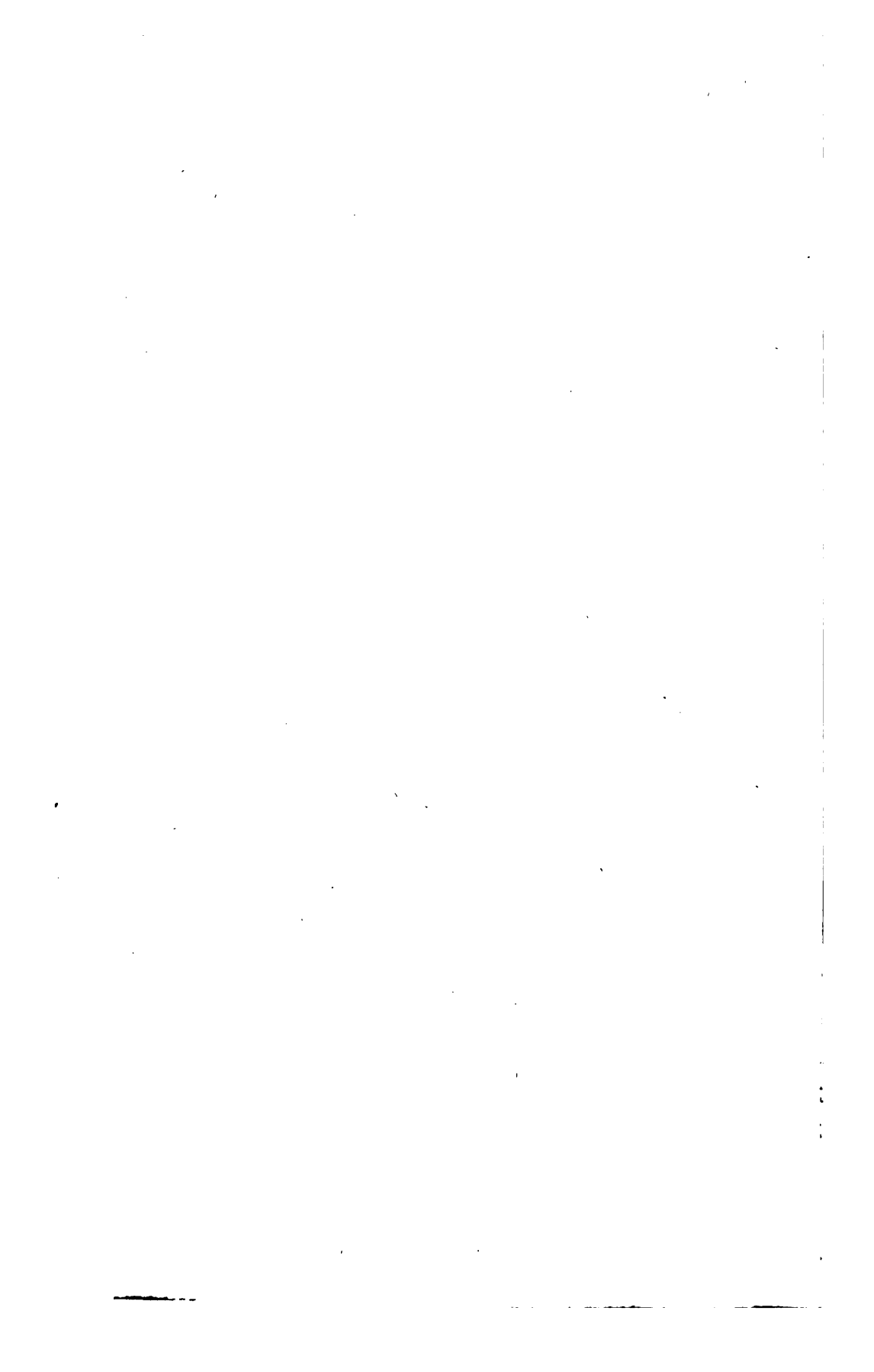




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FAMILY PRAYERS

FOR

EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK,

Selected

FROM VARIOUS PORTIONS OF

THE HOLY BIBLE,

WITH

REFERENCES.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,

A FEW PRAYERS FOR PERSONS IN PRIVATE;

AND

FOURTEEN ORIGINAL HYMNS.



“Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.”

John v. 39.

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is.”

Heb. x. 25.

“If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God.”

John vii. 17.

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If one Individual, into whose hands this little Volume may fall, should be led by it to "search the Scriptures" more diligently, with earnest, patient, persevering prayer, the Compiler will feel, that her wish, and fervent prayer, in affectionately offering it to her fellow-travellers through this vale of tears, has been neither unheard, nor unanswered by her Father in heaven.

January, 1824.



FAMILY PRAYERS,
FOR
EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

FROM ISAIAH.

O THOU, who, as on this day, didst burst the bands of death, and rise triumphant from the grave; Thou who livest, and art alive for evermore*, assist us, a Family of sinful creatures, that we may approach acceptably the Throne of Grace, and pour out upon us, we beseech Thee, the spirit of grace and of supplications†.

May this holy day, set apart, and sanctified by Thee‡, be a Sabbath of blessing throughout the

* Rev. i. 18.

† Zech. xii. 10.

‡ Gen. ii. 3.

world, and especially to us now gathered together before Thee, to all connected with us by the bonds of nature or affection, and to this country in general.

O Lord God! we confess that we are indeed a sinful nation, a seed of evil doers; we provoke Thee, the Holy One of Israel, to anger^a. From the sole of the foot, even unto the head, there is no soundness^b in us; the whole head is sick, the whole heart faint^c. Yet, O Lord, be not extreme to mark what we have done amiss; Hear, we entreat Thee, the prayers that shall this day be offered up by Thy faithful people; and O! that many may this day be turned from the power of Satan unto God^d, and brought, humbled and penitent, to the foot of the Cross.

Merciful God! we plead Thy precious word of encouragement, that though our sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool^e. O then, soften, we pray Thee, our hard and guilty hearts. Let us no longer refuse and rebel, but be willing and obedient^f, to follow the path that leadeth unto

^a Acts xxvi. 18.

Eternal Life. Wash us, and make us clean in that fountain opened for sin and for uncleanness*. May we put away the evil of our doings from before Thee. May we cease to do evil^f, learn to do well^g. ^f Isa. i. 16. May the loftiness of man be bowed down, and ^g Ver. 17. the haughtiness of men be made low, that the Lord alone may be exalted on this day^h. ^h Ch. ii. 17.

Great and terrible[†] art Thou, O Lord, when Thou comest forth in anger[†] to judge the rebellious[†], [†] Ch. xiii. 9. when Thou comest to ease Thee of Thine adversaries, to avenge Thee of Thine enemies[‡]. Then [‡] Ch. i. 24. shall the strong be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them[†]. [†] Ver. 31.

O let Thy threatened judgements awaken sinners to repentance. May we, and all men on this day, humble ourselves in the dust^m before Thee, ^m Ch. ii. 10. remembering, with sorrow and with penitence, our innumerable transgressions, and for Christ's sake may our iniquity be taken awayⁿ. Preserve ⁿ Ch. vi. 7. us from that fear of man^o which bringeth a snare[§], ^o Ch. ii. 22.

* Zech. xlii. 1. † Neh. iv. 14. ‡ Joel ii. Mal. iv.

§ Prov. xxix. 25.

and may we henceforth sanctify the Lord God in our hearts*. May He alone be our fear and dread^p, our sanctuary, and our strong defence[†].

O God! very great and glorious are the blessings Thou hast promised in the latter days to Thy Church. Suffer us miserable sinners to plead the fulfilment of these precious promises. O when shall it be that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and be exalted above the hills, and that all nations shall flow unto it^q? When shall it be that the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea^r?

Behold, many run to and fro in the earth[‡], with the glad tidings§ of Salvation. O strengthen their hands||, and comfort their hearts¶. Let Thy Spirit rest upon them, and by them may knowledge be increased, and many be added daily to the Church of such as shall be saved**.

Merciful Father, may we rise from our knees,

* 1 Pet. iii. 15. † Psal. xciv. 22. Prov. xviii. 10, "strong tower."
 ‡ Dan. xii. 4. § Luke i. 19.
 ¶ Neh. vi. 9. ¶ 2 Thess. ii. 17. ** Acts ii. 47.

refreshed*, and strengthened†, for the duties of this day. Thou hast commanded us to keep it holy‡. O enable us to call and feel the Sabbath a delight, the Holy of the Lord, honourable. May we honour Thee, not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words*. So shall we delight ourselves in the Lord, * Isa. lviii. 13. and Thou wilt feed us with the heritage of Thy people, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it†. † Ver. 14. Hear, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and in great mercy accept and answer these our supplications for the sake of our adorable Redeemer. *Amen.*

* Acts iii. 19. † Psal. xxvii. 14. ‡ Exod. xxxi. 13—17.

Matt. v. 17. Mark ii. 27, 28.

SUNDAY EVENING.

FROM ISAIAH.

O LORD GOD of the Sabbath*! suffer us again to gather ourselves together before Thee, and to close this sacred day with prayer and praise; and let Thy Holy Spirit be with us for Christ's sake.

Another blessed opportunity Thou hast vouchsafed to us, wherein to attend to the things which belong unto our peace†. O that we had improved it as we ought! that we had this day devoted ourselves more unto Thee! that we had loved Thee more, and served Thee better! that our praises had been more heartfelt, our confessions more humble, our prayers more fervent. Yet, O Lord, sinful as we are in our best services, reject us not; nor suffer us to retire to rest without Thy pardon and Thy blessing. Accept, we pray Thee, our imperfect endeavours to keep this day holy: let the precious blood of our Saviour wash away

* Exod. xx. 10. Luke vi. 5.

† Luke xix. 42.

all our defilements, and for His sake look upon us as a reconciled Father in Christ Jesus*.

We pray also for all Christian congregations, and for all who, in the church, the family, or the closet, have this day endeavoured to seek Thee in Thine own appointed way.

O God, though Thou mayest justly be angry with us, miserable sinners, yet for Christ's sake let Thine anger be turned away from us, and comfort us*, we pray Thee, with heavenly comfort. Enable * Isa. xii. 1. us with joy to draw water out of the wells of salvation^b, to trust in Thee, and not be afraid^c. O ^b Ver. 3. Thou Holy One of Israel, our Strength, our Song, ^c Ver. 2. our Salvation! we would praise Thee, we would sing unto Thee, we would exalt Thy name^d; for ^d Ver. 6. 2. 5. 4. Thou hast done wonderful things in the earth, Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth*. * Ch. xxv. 1. Thou art a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat^f. O may our minds be ^f Ver. 4. more and more stayed on Thee, for Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace who trusteth in Thee^g. O ^g Ch. xxvi. 3.

* 2 Cor. v. 18, 19.

Lord our God, other lords beside Thee, have had
^b Isa. xxvi. 13. dominion over us^b, but henceforward let the chief
 desire of our souls be to Thy name, and to the
^c Ver. 8. remembrance of Thee^c; yea, with our souls may
 we desire Thee in the night; with our spirits may
^d Ver. 9. we seek Thee early^d. May we trust in Thee for
 ever, for in the Lord Jehovah we have everlasting
^e Ver. 4. strength^e.

O God, give Thy blessing, we earnestly beseech
 Thee, to the means that have been used this day,
 for the spreading of the Gospel both at home and
 abroad. We would plead for Thine ancient people
 Israel. Hast Thou not promised to give them
 rest from their sorrow, and from their fear, and
 from their hard bondage wherein Thou hast made
^f Ch. xiv. 3. them to serve^f? O that they might take hold of
^g Ch. xxvii. 5. Thy strength, and make peace with Thee^g! Then
 shall Israel blossom and bud, and fill the face of the
^h Ver. 6. world with fruit^h. We would plead also, O God,
 Thy farther promise, that Thou wilt destroy the
 face of the covering cast over all people, and the
ⁱ Ch. xxv. 7. vail that is spread over all nationsⁱ. Hasten, O
 Lord, that glorious day, that the deaf may hear
 the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind
^j Ch. xxix. 18. may see out of obscurity and out of darkness^j;

that the meek may increase their joy in the Lord^r, ^r Isa. xxix. 19.
they that erred in spirit come to understanding, and
they that murmured learn doctrine^r. O hasten ^r Ver. 24.
that glorious day in which it shall be said, Lo!
this is our God, we have waited for Him, and He
will save us; this is the Lord, we have waited for
Him, we will be glad, and rejoice in His salvation^t. ^r Ch. xxv. 9.

O Lord! who art exalted that Thou mayest have
mercy upon us; who hast written, Blessed are all
they that wait for Thee^r; be gracious unto us at the ^r Ch. xxx. 18.
voice of our cry; hear us, and answer us^r, we ^r Ver. 19.
earnestly beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy dear
Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of Mankind. *Amen.*

MONDAY MORNING.

FROM THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW.

O HEAVENLY FATHER! who in wonderful love to mankind didst send Thine only Son into the world, to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin*, and also an ensample of godly life, fill our hearts with gratitude and love to Thee. We desire to praise Thee for Thy preservation of us through the past night, for Thy daily mercies, for Thy long-suffering towards us, and very particularly for the inestimable gift of the Holy Scriptures. O may we, with earnest prayer, make them our constant study†. May the pure doctrines, and heavenly precepts that proceeded from the lips of our adorable Redeemer, sink deep into our hearts, convince us of our utter unworthiness, and bring us, in prostration of soul, to the foot of the Cross.

* Heb. ix. 26; x. 12. Ephes. v. 2. † 2 Tim. iii. 14—17.

Lord ! of ourselves we perish^a ! we cannot stand before Thee because of our trespasses[†]. Every day, every hour, every moment of our lives, we are transgressing the holy purity of Thy law. Yet O ! for the sake of Him who was bruised for our iniquities, and by whose stripes we are healed[‡], look not upon us in anger, neither chasten us in Thy hot displeasure[§]. Look upon us in the Son of Thy Love. Look upon us in Him whom Thou hast called Jesus, because he should save His people from their sins^a. Enable us truly to believe in Him, as Thy beloved Son in whom Thou art well pleased^b, and through faith, may we bring forth fruits meet for repentance^c.

^a Matt. i. 21.

^b Ch. iii. 17.

^c Ver. 8.

O Heavenly Father ! who hast promised to give good things to those who ask Thee^d, pour upon us the spirit of fervent, humble, persevering prayer. Teach us Thyself to pray^e. May we so ask, that it may be given unto us ; so seek, that we may find ; so knock, that it may be opened unto us^f.

^e Ch. vi. 5—13.

^f Ch. vii. 7.

O Lord ! our hearts by nature are proud,

^a John iii. 16.

[†] Ezra ix. 16.

[‡] Isa. liii. 5.

[§] Psal. xxxviii. 1.

- uncharitable, carnal, unholy. Make us, we pray
- Matt. v. 5. Thee, meek^e and lowly as our Blessed Saviour;
poor in spirit, for of such is the Kingdom of
 - Ver. 3. Heaven^h. May we mourn for sin, that we may
 - Ver. 4. be comfortedⁱ by Thee. May we hunger and
 - Ver. 6. thirst after righteousness, that we may be filled^k.
 - Ver. 7. May we be merciful, that we may obtain mercy^l.
 - Ver. 8. May we be pure in heart, that we may see God^m.
 - Ver. 9. May we be peacemakersⁿ amongst our brethren,
 - Ch. vi. 14, 15. forgiving, as we would be forgiven^o. If there be
any that hate us, may we do good to them; if any
that despitefully use us, or persecute us, may we
 - Ch. v. 44. pray for them^p, that we may be the children of our
Father which is in Heaven, for He maketh his
sun to rise on the evil, and on the good, and
 - Ver. 45. sendeth rain on the just, and on the unjust^q.
Suffer us not to retain any thing in our hearts
which is offensive to Thee; but should it be dear
to us as a right eye, let us pluck it out, and cast
 - Ver. 29. it from us^r. May our light so shine before men
that they may see our good works, and glorify
 - Ver. 16. our Father which is in Heaven^s. But let us not
be eager for the applause of men. May we
 - Ch. vi. 24. remember that no man can serve two masters^t;
that the world and heaven cannot together hold
possession of our hearts; and since we are strangers

and pilgrims on the earth*, may we earnestly seek to have our treasure and our hearts in Heaven[†]. * Matt. vi. 21.

Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it[†]. † Ch. vii. 14.
 O let us not be excluded from it. Let us not go through that wide gate; let us not follow that broad way that leadeth unto destruction[†]. Too † Ver. 13.
 many, alas! are walking therein. O that Thy power and Thy mercy might, ere it be too late, bring back these wandering sheep[‡] into the path ‡ Ch. xviii. 11
 of life. Not every one that saith unto Thee, Lord! —13.
 Lord! shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of our Father which is in Heaven[†]. O God, who knowest that of ourselves, † Ch. vii. 21.
 we can do nothing, pour out abundantly Thy Holy Spirit upon us; that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to perform the same, through Jesus Christ, in whom alone we hope for acceptance both now, and in eternity. *Amen.*

* Heb. xi. 13.

MONDAY EVENING.

FROM ST. PAUL'S EPISTLES TO THE CORINTHIANS.

LORD, teach us to pray*! May we approach Thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear†, and worship Thee in spirit and in truth‡, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

O God, Thou knowest that the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; neither can he know
 * 1 Cor. ii. 14. them, because they are spiritually discerned*. Give unto us therefore, we beseech Thee, the light of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to receive Christ Jesus into our hearts as our wisdom, and
 † Ch. i. 30. righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption^b. It is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love

* Luke xi. 1.

† Heb. xii. 28.

‡ John iv. 23.

and wait* for Him^c. O reveal them to us by the Spirit^d; may Thy love be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost[†]; yea, may they be directed into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ[‡]; and having these precious promises, may we cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God^e. Give unto us that godly sorrow for sin, which worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented off^f. May we be washed and sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God^g. Fill us with a holy dread of offending Thee. We are bought with a price;—O how great a price,—the precious blood of the Eternal Son of God: therefore may we seek to glorify God, in our body and in our spirit which are God's^h. we be temperate in all things, keeping under the body, and bringing it into subjectionⁱ, lest the enemy of souls should prevail against us.

O God of faithfulness! who knowest the devices with which Satan is continually endeavouring to ruin us, let us not, we pray Thee, be tried above that we are able, but with every temptation, make

* Isa. lxiv. 4.

† Rom. v. 5.

‡ 2 Thess. iii. 5.

us a way to escape, that we may be able to
 * 1 Cor. x. 13. bear it^t.

We beseech Thee to fill our hearts with true and
¹ Ch. xiii. fervent charity¹, with love to God and man; that
 charity, which suffereth long and is kind! which
 envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
 doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her
 own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil,
 rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth
 all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things;
 that charity which never faileth.

Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy Spirit.
 May it be mighty through God within us, to the
 pulling down of strong holds, casting down imagi-
 nations, and every high thing that exalteth itself
 against the knowledge of God, and bringing into
^m 2 Cor. x. 4, 5. captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ^m.

O God, who commanded the light to shine out
 of darkness, shine, we beseech Thee, into our hearts,
 to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of
ⁿ Ch. iv. 6. God in the face of Jesus Christⁿ; and since we
 have the treasures of Thy grace in earthen vessels
 that the excellency of the power¹ may be of God,

and not of us°, Lord, increase our faith*! and should we, through the weakness of our flesh, the malice of Satan or mankind, be troubled on every side, yet let us not be distressed; though perplexed, let us not be in despair: though persecuted, let us not fear we are forsaken; though cast down, let us yet be thankful we are not destroyed^p for our iniquities. May the afflictions which Thou seest good to send to us for the trial of our faith, and patience[†], work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory[‡]. Though our outward man perish, yet may our inward man be renewed day by day[§], and finally, when our earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved, may we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens^{||}.

° 2 Cor. iv. 7.

^p Ver. 8, 9.[‡] Ver. 17.[§] Ver. 16.^{||} Ch. v. 1.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Mercies, and the God of all comfort[†]; Blessed be His Holy name for the mercies of the day past, and of our lives past; and above all, Blessed be His Holy name for the gift of His dear Son. He who knew no sin, was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness

* Luke xvii. 5.

† 1 Pet. i. 7.

‡ James v. 7—11.

• 2 Cor. v. 21. of God in Him^a. O that we might feel the love of Christ constraining us, that henceforth we might live not unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for
v Ver. 14. 15. us and rose again^v.

Lord, we commend ourselves and all our fellow-creatures, unto Thee this night in body and in soul. May we rest in peace under the shadow of Thy wings^{*}; and hear, we earnestly beseech Thee, these our prayers, and accept our praises, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

* Psal. xxi. 7.

TUESDAY MORNING.

FROM ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God! who hast graciously encouraged Thy weak and sinful creatures to call upon Thee*, enable us to approach the throne of grace in faith, and with deep humility and reverence. May we draw near to Thee in singleness† and simplicity‡ of heart, trusting alone in our Saviour for acceptance, and let Thy Holy Spirit be with us to teach and help us to pray.

Thanks be to Thee, O God, who hast raised us in safety from our beds, and permitted us again to meet together in Thy name. Thanks be to Thee who hast in some measure opened our eyes to the blessed truths of the Gospel. Thanks be to Thee for the glorious hope laid up in Heaven for every true believer*. O may we be delivered * Col. i. 5.

* Psal. l. 15.

† Acts ii. 46.

‡ 2 Cor. xi. 3.

from the power of darkness, and be translated into the kingdom of Thy dear Son, and in Him may we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins^b. We earnestly desire, O God, that we may be filled with the knowledge of Thy will in all wisdom, and spiritual understanding, that we may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of Thee our God. May we be strengthened with all might according to Thy glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness. Make us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light^c; and since it has pleased Thee that in Christ Jesus all fulness should dwell^d, may we ever have an eye directed unto Him in faith, looking unto Thee through Him alone, for every good thing of which we stand in need for time and for eternity.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! God of patience and of consolation^e! who hast desired us to pray for one another^f, remember with Thy love all who have ever asked our prayers, or prayed for us. Comfort our hearts. May they be knit together

^b Rom. xv. 5, 6.

^f James v. 16.

in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father and of Christ. O Thou, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge^a, reveal to us the truth. Enable ^{a Col. ii. 2, 3.} us to receive Christ Jesus, as our Lord and Saviour, and may we walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him. Stablish us in the faith, and may we abound therein with thanksgiving^f. May we ^{f Ver. 6, 7.} seek those things that are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. May we set our affections on things above, not on the things of the earth, and may we henceforward be dead unto sin, and our life hid with Christ in God^e. ^{e Ch. iii. 1—3.} Give us grace to mortify our members which are upon the earth^b; and putting off anger, wrath, ^{b Ver. 5.} malice, blasphemy, and uncleannessⁱ, may we put ^{i Ver. 8.} on, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any. Above all things, may we put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Let the peace of God rule in our hearts, and the Word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom; and whatsoever we do in word or deed, may we do all in

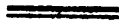
the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God, and the Father, by Him. May all who profess to be Christians, faithfully discharge the duties of their various stations. May wives submit themselves unto their own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord; husbands, love their wives, and not be bitter against them; children, obey their parents, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Let not fathers provoke their children to anger, lest they be discouraged. May servants obey their masters, not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart fearing God^k; and masters give unto their servants that which is just and equal, knowing they also have a master in heaven^l. Finally, may we all continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving^m, and may grace be with usⁿ through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

^k Col. iii. 12—
22.

^l Ch. iv. 1.

^m Ver. 2.

ⁿ Ver. 18.



TUESDAY EVENING.

FROM DEUTERONOMY AND ISAIAH.

ALMIGHTY GOD! we desire with humble reverence to cast ourselves at the foot of Thy mercy-seat, and with earnestness to implore pardon and blessing from Thee before we lie down to rest.

Thou, O Lord, art the rock of our salvation; Thy work is perfect, all Thy ways are righteous judgement*, a God of truth, and without iniquity, just and right art Thou*. Thou art our Father, ^{a Deut. xxxii.} who hast bought us, and made us, and established ^{4. 15.} us^b, and preserved us to this hour. Thou art He ^{b Ver. 6.} who killeth, and maketh alive, who woundeth and can heal. None can deliver out of Thy hand^c; to ^{c Ver. 39.} Thee belongeth vengeance and recompence^d. Thou ^{d Ver. 35.} art God alone^{e†}. ^{e Ver. 39.}

O that all men were wise, that they understood

* John vii. 24.

† Psal. lxxxvi. 10.

- these things, that they would consider their latter end^f; but alas! we are a foolish people, and unwise, and have ill requited^g Thy patience and long-suffering towards us. We deserve to be cast off from Thee for ever; but, O Father of Heaven, remember Thy blessed promise to Thy people, that although they have done evil in Thy sight to provoke Thee to anger^h, yet if they shall seek Thee again with all their heart, and with all their soul, they shall find Theeⁱ, and that Thou wilt be to them a merciful God, and wilt not destroy them^k. O forgive our sins and our iniquities, and let them no longer separate between us and our God^l. Give us a heart to fear Thee, and to keep Thy commandments always, that it may be well with us^m, and that Thou mayest establish Thy covenant with us, as Thou didst with Thy people of oldⁿ.
- Let us no longer go on frowardly^o in the ways of our heart, forgetting the Lord who formed us^p; but may we humble ourselves^q and repent^r; and do Thou, O merciful God, henceforth lead us and instruct us, and keep us as the apple of thine eye^s.
- ^f Deut. xxxii. 29.
^g Ver. 6.
^h Ch. iv. 25.
ⁱ Ver. 29.
^k Ver. 31.
^l Isa. lix. 2.
^m Deut. v. 29.
ⁿ Ch. viii. 18.
^o Isa. lvii. 17.
^p Deut. xxxii. 18.
^q Ver. 10.

* 2 Chron. vii. 14; xxxiv. 27. Matt. xviii. 4; xxiii. 12.

† 1 Kings viii. 46—50.

Have pity, we beseech Thee, upon all who as yet feed as it were upon ashes, those whom a deceived heart hath turned aside, that they cannot perceive that there is a lie in their right hand^r. * Isa. xlv. 20.

O bring the blind by a way they know not, lead them in a path they have not known, make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight^s. Behold with compassion the sins and * Ch. xlii. 16.

miseries of a fallen world. Hast Thou not promised to pour out Thy Spirit from on high, till the wilderness shall become a fruitful field^t, † Ch. xxxii. 15.

to pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground^u? Hast Thou not promised * Ch. xlv. 3.

that when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against Him^v? * Ch. lix. 19.

O Lord, our eyes are fixed upon Thee, our Hope, and our Deliverer! we wait^w for Thee, we plead * Ch. viii. 17.

the fulfilment of Thy gracious promises.

Pour out in these last days Thy Spirit upon all flesh[†], and look with favour upon every society established for the spreading of the truth around

* Micah vii. 7.

† Joel ii. 28.

the world. We would unfeignedly thank Thee for any success that may have hitherto attended them, and we beseech Thee that we may be "thereby encouraged to persevere in more zealous labours, and more fervent prayers*." Bless and strengthen all Thy faithful people in all parts of the world, particularly the ministers of the Gospel, and all who are gone into foreign lands to teach the unenlightened the way of peace. May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon them, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord². In all their labours, their discouragements and their trials, be Thou nigh to uphold and strengthen them³. Be Thou to them as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land⁴. May all hearts be opened to receive the doctrines of Thy Holy Word; may Thy blessed Spirit be with all who hear and read it, that it may drop into their hearts as the rain, and distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass⁵, that so as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and the garden

² Isa. xi. 2.

³ Ch. xli. 10.

⁴ Ch. xxxii. 2.

⁵ Deut. xxxii. 2.

* Bickersteth.

causeth the things sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God may cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations^b.

^b Isa. lxi. 11.

Hear, O Almighty Father! these our unworthy supplications and prayers, for the sake of our dear and only Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



WEDNESDAY MORNING.

FROM ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS.

BLESSED and all-glorious God ! to whom we have
 * Rom. v. 2. access by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ^a, we know
 not what to pray for as we ought, but give us, we
 beseech Thee, according to Thy Word, Thy Spirit
 to help our infirmities, and to make intercession^{*}
 for us.

We desire, O God, to begin this day with a
 thankful acknowledgment of Thy Fatherly care over
 us through the night that is past, and for the many
 and undeserved blessings Thou from day to day
 bestowest upon us. They are new every morning,
 great is Thy faithfulness[†]. O may we be justified
 by faith, and have peace with God, through our
 Lord Jesus Christ^b, and rejoice in hope of the
 glory of God^c. But, O Heavenly Father ! we are
 b Ver. 1.
 c Ver. 2.

* Rom. viii. 26.

† Lam. iii. 23.

miserable sinners ! Be merciful, O be merciful unto us ! Let grace purchased for us by the blood of Christ*, abound^d towards us, in the forgiveness of ^d Rom. v. 20. all our sins. We know that the wages of sin is death*, and yet how frequently have we yielded ^e Ch. vi. 23. our members servants to iniquity unto iniquity^f ^f Ver. 19. We know that the commandment is holy and just and good^g; but alas ! we find within us, that when ^g Ch. vii. 12. we would do good, evil is present with us^h. In us, ^h Ver. 21. that is in our flesh, dwelleth no good thingⁱ; what ⁱ Ver. 18. we would that we do not, but what we hate that we do^k. If after the inner man we delight in the law ^k Ver. 15. of God^l, yet we see another law in our members, ^l Ver. 22. warring against the law of our mind, and bringing us into captivity to the law of sin^m. ^m Ver. 23.

O Saviour, Lord God Almighty ! deliver us from the body of this deathⁿ. Graft us into ⁿ Ver. 24. Thyself, for there is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus^o. Take from us that carnal ^o Ch. viii. 1. mind which is death, and give us that spiritual mind which is life and peace^p. Yea, may the spirit ^p Ver. 6. of Christ dwell within us^q. ^q Ver. 9.

* Acts xx. 28.

O God! our enemies are lively and they are strong*. We are surrounded with temptations and trials from within and from without. But be Thou
 * Rom. viii. 31. for us, and who shall prevail against us? Thou, who in thy wondrous love hast not spared Thine own Son, but hast delivered Him up for us all,
 * Ver. 32. wilt Thou not with Him freely give us all things? Thou, who although Thou hatest iniquity, yet justifiest the penitent believer, let us be of the number of Thine elect, and who shall lay any
 * Ver. 33. thing to our charge? Thou, our Saviour, yea, the Saviour of all who believe†, who died, who art risen again, who art at the right hand of God,
 * Ver. 34. to make intercession for us; hear the humble prayers of those, who although as dust and ashes before Thee, have taken upon them to speak unto Thee‡. Hear us, not for ourselves alone, but for our relations, our friends, our acquaintances, our country, all our fellow-creatures. Plead *Thou* for us, Lord, and we shall not be condemned. O gather us under Thy wings§, let us for ever abide in Thee||, and let nothing separate us from Thy
 * Ver. 35. love.

* Psalm xxxviii. 19.

† 1 Tim. iv. 10.

‡ Gen. xviii. 27.

§ Matt. xxiii. 37.

|| John xv. 4.

May we henceforward present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is our reasonable service^w. Let us no longer be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind, that we may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God^x. May we abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good; be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love^y, giving with simplicity, shewing mercy with cheerfulness^z. Not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer^a. May we rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep^b. If it be possible, as much as in us lies, may we live peaceably with all men^c, and not be overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good^d.

^w Rom. xii. 1.
^x Ver. 2.
^y Ver. 9, 10.
^z Ver. 8.
^a Ver. 11, 12.
^b Ver. 15.
^c Ver. 18.
^d Ver. 21.

O God of Peace, according to Thy blessed promise, bruise Satan under our feet shortly^e; and if it pleaseth Thee, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost^f; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all^g. *Amen.*

^e Ch. xvi. 20.
^f Ch. xv. 13.
^g Ch. xvi. 24.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

FROM ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL.

- BLESSED** be Thou, O Lord God, who hast visited
 * Luke i. 68. and redeemed Thy people^a; who hast sent Thy
 Holy Word amongst us to give knowledge of
 b Ver. 77. salvation^b, to give light to them who sit in darkness
 and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into
 c Ver. 79. the way of peace^c.

- O God, our merciful Father! how great was Thy
 compassion and loving-kindness in sending Thy
 beloved Son into the world to die for man,
 anointing Him to preach the Gospel to the poor,
 sending Him to heal the broken-hearted, to give
 deliverance to the captives, recovering of sight to
 d Ch. iv. 18. the blind, and liberty to them that are bruised^d.
 Open our hearts to receive with gratitude the
 precious truths of the Gospel. May we know
 ourselves to be wretched and miserable, and poor,

and blind, and naked*, and flee unto Him who has promised to cast out none that come unto Him†. O grant, that we, being delivered out of the hands of our spiritual enemies, may serve Thee, our God, without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life°. May our hearts be as the good ° Luke i. 74, 75. ground, on which the precious seed was sown. May we hear the word, and keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience‡. † Ch. viii. 5—15.

Lord! we are corrupt and unholy before Thee, and unworthy to take up Thy name within our polluted lips‡; but if Thou wilt, Thou canst make us clean. O have compassion upon us, put forth Thine hand, and say, “ I will, be Thou clean;” then shall the leprosy of our sin depart from us°. ° Ch. v. 12, 13. We are often distressed, perplexed, and wretched, from inward temptations, and outward trials, so that our hearts are like a vessel tost upon a troubled sea. But, O merciful Saviour! rebuke the raging of the winds and waves, then there shall be a calm^b. In all the sorrows, and the sufferings ° Ch. viii. 23—25. of this troubled life, say unto us, “ Be of good

* Rev. iii. 17.

† John vi. 37.

‡ Isa. vi. 5.

“cheer, it is I, be not afraid*,” then shall our souls find strength and peace.

Give us grace to choose the one thing needful, that good part which shall not be taken away from us¹; may we remember that this world is not our rest[†]; teach us to deny ourselves, to take up our cross daily, and to follow our Blessed Master[‡], bearing in mind His admonition, that no man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God[§].

O Merciful Father! who hast promised to give Thy Holy Spirit to them that ask it^{||}, give it abundantly to us, we earnestly beseech Thee, for of ourselves we cannot please Thee. Give us grace to confess Christ before men; then shall He confess us before the Angels of God[¶]. We know not, but that this night our souls may be required of us[∘]. God be merciful to us, sinners[°]! and pardon all our offences, for Christ's sake: and O! may our loins be girded about, and our lights burning^q: and may we be ready, for we know not at what hour the Son of man may come^r.

* Matt. xiv. 27.

† Micah ii. 10.

Have mercy, we implore Thee, on all our fellow-creatures ; especially upon those who hitherto have been regardless of Thee and Eternity. All things are possible with Thee*. Speak the word†, and they shall awake‡ from the death of sin, unto a life of righteousness. Open their eyes, and they shall know Thee§; break their stubborn hearts¶, and they shall mourn||. O that this night, there might be joy in the presence of the Angels of God, over many a repentant sinner°. O that this night, many and many might be gathered under Thy wings of mercy, compassionate Redeemer¹ !

* Luke xviii.
27.

† Ch. xxiv. 31.

° Ch. xv. 10.

¹ Ch. xiii. 34.

To Thee, All-merciful and All-mighty Father, we commend ourselves, and all mankind ; and very particularly those who have ever asked our prayers. Preserve us in body and in soul ; and after this life is ended, may an entrance be ministered unto us abundantly, into Thine everlasting Kingdom¶, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Intercessor.
Amen.

* Matt. xix. 26.

† Ch. viii. 8.

‡ Eph. v. 14.

§ Psal. xxxiv. 18 ; li. 17 ; cxlvii. 3.

|| Zech. xii. 10. Matt. v. 4.

¶ 2 Pet. i. 11.

THURSDAY MORNING.

FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF ST. PETER.

O! BLESSED and glorious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to Thine abundant mercy, hath begotten us unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, keep us by Thy mighty power,

^a 1 Pet. i. 3-5. through faith unto salvation^a. Enable us to rejoice in our Saviour. Though we have not seen Him, yet may we love Him; and believing in Him, may

^b Ver. 8. we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory^b. Or if in this world of tribulation we are, if need be, for a season in heaviness, through manifold temptations, O let the trial of our faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, be found unto praise, and honour,

^c Ver. 6, 7. and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ^c. May we gird up the loins of our mind, be sober, and

hope to the end, for the grace that is to be brought unto us at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As He who has called us is holy, so may we be holy in all manner of conversation^d. May we purify our souls ^d 1 Pet. i. 13. 15. in obeying the truth through the Spirit; and may we be born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever^e. ^e Ver. 22, 23.

O Lord, give us a meek and quiet spirit, which is in Thy sight of great price^f: and above all things, ^f Ch. iii. 4. give us charity^g. Make us to love our neighbour ^g Ch. iv. 8. with a pure heart fervently^h; and more earnestly ^h Ch. i. 22. to desire and pray for the welfare of our fellow-creatures.

O that all men might come unto that living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and preciousⁱ. He that believeth on Him shall not be ⁱ Ch. ii. 4. confounded^k. O Lord! open the eyes of all that ^k Ver. 6. are in error; lead them in faith and repentance to Christ Jesus; call them out of darkness into Thy marvellous light. Let those who as yet have not obtained mercy, now obtain mercy^l; and let all who ^l Ver. 9, 10. are now as sheep going astray, be brought unto the Shepherd and Bishop of their souls^m: and, O Lord, ^m Ver. 25.

- grant that all who profess to follow Thee, who art a God of Peace*, may be of one mind, having compassion one of another. May we love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous; not rendering evil for evil,
- * 1 Pet. iii. 8, 9. but contrariwise blessing^a. May we sanctify the Lord God in our hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh us a reason of the hope that is in us, with meekness and fear, having a good conscience; that whereas, others speak evil of us, as of evil-doers, they may be ashamed
- * Ver. 15, 16. that falsely accuse our good conversation in Christ°. Remembering the end of all things is at hand, may
- * Ch. iv. 7. we be sober, and watch unto prayer^b. When it shall please Thee to send trials and afflictions, yea, should they be bitter and fiery trials, let us not think it strange, as though some strange thing had happened unto us, but rejoice, inasmuch as we are partakers of Christ's sufferings, and believe that when His glory shall be revealed, we shall be glad
- * Ver. 12, 13. also with exceeding joy^c. May we be clothed with humility, remembering that God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. May we humble ourselves under Thy mighty hand, which will exalt us in due time, casting all our care upon Thee, and

* Rom. xv. 33. 2 Cor. xiii. 11. 1 Thess. v. 23. Heb. xiii. 20.

believing that Thou carest for us. Our adversary, the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour. O enable us to resist him stedfastly in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in our brethren that are in the world. And, O Thou, who art the God of all grace, after that we have suffered awhile, make us, we beseech Thee, perfect; stablish, strengthen, settle us^r: and may peace be with us all^a, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

^r 1 Pet. iv. 5
—10.

^a Ver. 14.

THURSDAY EVENING.

FROM ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS.

- O GOD! who at sundry times, and in divers manners, spake in time past to Thine ancient people by the prophets, and hast in later days spoken unto us by Thy Son, who is the brightness of Thy glory,
- Heb. i. 1—3. and the express image of Thy person., enable us to give earnest heed to the things revealed unto us,
 - Ch. ii. 1. lest at any time we should let them slip^b.

- O how shall we escape, if we neglect so great
- Ver. 3. salvation^c! Preserve us all, we beseech Thee, from an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God; and let none of us be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin^d. We are weak and helpless, but Thou art everlasting strength. O Lord! enable us, with humble boldness, to draw
 - Ch. iii. 12, 13. near to the Throne of Grace^e, in the Name of Jesus,
 - Ch. iv. 16. our great High Priest^f, who ever liveth to make
 - Ver. 14.

intercession for us^c: and may we, for His sake, ^c Heb. vii. 25. obtain mercy and pardon, and grace to help in time of need^d. May we flee for refuge to lay hold upon ^d Ch. iv. 16. the hope set before us^e; and enable us to hold the ^e Ch. vi. 18. beginning of our confidence, stedfast unto the end^f. ^f Ch. iii. 14.

Let us not be slothful, but followers of them, who through faith and patience inherit the promises^g. ^g Ch. vi. 12. Pour upon us an abundant measure of Thy grace and Holy Spirit; and may the blood of Christ, who offered Himself without spot to God, purge our consciences from dead works, to serve the living God^h. ^h Ch. ix. 14.

O that it might please Thee to give unto us a full assurance of faithⁱ! Though we can only view ⁱ Ch. x. 22. Thy promises afar off, yet, like the saints of old, may we be persuaded of them, and embrace them; and confessing ourselves to be strangers and pilgrims upon earth^j, may we fix our hopes upon that better ^j Ch. xi. 13. country, where a rest remaineth for the people of God^k. ^k Ch. iv. 9.

Knowing He is faithful who promised, may we consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves

together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as we see the day approaching[†]. Let us not be of the number of them who draw back unto perdition, but of them who believe to the saving of the soul[‡].

† Heb. x. 23
—25.

‡ Ver. 39.

Give us grace to lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith[†]. May we follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord[‡]; and may we have grace to serve Thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear[§].

† Ch. xii. 1, 2.

‡ Ver. 14.

§ Ver. 28.

We pray Thee, Almighty Father, to preserve, pardon, and bless all our dear friends and relations, and mercifully to supply the wants, both spiritual and temporal, of all our fellow-creatures. Especially we would commend to Thee, the afflicted in mind, body, or estate. O let them not be wearied and faint in their minds[†]. Let them not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when they are rebuked of Him, but remember with comfort, that whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth[‡]. May their chas-

† Ver. 3.

‡ Ver. 5, 6.

tening be for their profit, and make them thereby more and more partakers of Thy holiness; and though for the present it seemeth not joyous, but grievous, yet let it yield in them the peaceable fruits of righteousness^z.

^z Heb. xii. 10,
11.

O Thou! who hast promised never to leave nor forsake^y* those who follow Thee, we beseech Thee ^y Ch. xiii. 5. to make us perfect in every good work to do Thy will, working in us that which is well pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever and ever^z. *Amen.*

^z Ver. 21.

* Dent. xxxi. 8.

FRIDAY MORNING.

FROM THE GOSPELS OF ST. MATTHEW AND ST. LUKE.

O! BLESSED Saviour of mankind! who hast promised that where two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, there to be in the midst of them; and that if two of Thy disciples should agree on earth, as touching any thing they should ask, it should be done for them, by our Father which is in Heaven*: fulfil, we earnestly beseech Thee, Thy gracious promises towards us, a family of sinful creatures, assembled together in Thy Name; and assist us to ask such things, and in such a manner as shall please Thee, and reach the Throne of Mercy through Thy precious intercession.

* Matt. xviii.
19, 20.

O God! as Thou hast in mercy raised us up from our beds, so may we arise to newness* and holiness

* Rom. vi. 4.

of life. As the light of day has chased away the shades of night, so let the light of Thy truth beam upon our hearts, darkened with the corruptions of a sinful nature. May we constantly bear in mind all that Thy dear Son has done and suffered for us. When we read in Thy Holy Word, of His life of patience and humility, of His devotedness to the service of God and man, of His agony and bloody sweat^b, of the cruel mocking and scourging to which He was exposed^c, of His lingering and painful death upon the cross^d, and above all, of the anguish of His soul, when sinking under the wrath of God, voluntarily incurred for man's sake^e.—When we read of these things, O make us deeply to feel the evil of sin, and the exceeding love of God; and may we earnestly endeavour, through Thy grace assisting us, to follow the blessed precepts contained in the Holy Scriptures. O that wearied and heavy laden with the burden of our sins, we, and all dear to us, might come unto Thee, merciful Saviour, for rest. May we take Thy yoke upon us, and learn of Thee, who art meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest unto our souls^f. May we humble ourselves, 'Ch. xi. 28, 29. and become as little children, for except we do this,

^b Matt. xxvi. 36—47. Luke xxii. 41—47.

^c Matt. xxvii. 26—31. Luke xxii. 63, 64.

^d Matt. xxvii. 35—50. Luke xxiii. 32—46.

^e Matt. xxvii. 46.

^f Mark xiv.; xv. John xix.

- * Matt. xviii. 3, 4. we cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.
 May we have grace from our hearts to forgive every
 * Ver. 35. one his brother their trespasses^b; yea, to forgive,
 not only until seven times, but until seventy times
 * Ver. 22. seven¹; remembering how often we have sinned
 against Thee, and yet Thou hast had compassion
 upon us, and hast loosed us, and forgiven us all
 * Ver. 22—35. these debts, because we have desired it of Thee^k.
 May we watch and pray that we enter not into
 temptation; and because of the weakness of our
 flesh, let Thy Holy Spirit, we pray Thee, be ever
 * Ch. xxvi. 41. ready¹ to help our infirmities. O Lord! make us
 earnestly to seek, to know, and to do Thy will.
 Often what is highly esteemed amongst men, is
 * Luke xvi. 15. abomination in the sight of God^m: therefore let us
 not be ruled by man's judgment, but by Thy holy
 and revealed will. O Thou! who camest into the
 * Ch. xix. 10. world to seek and to save that which was lostⁿ, have
 mercy upon all who as yet are wanderers from Thy
 fold; upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics,
 and upon all who, professing themselves to be
 Christians, dwelling in a Christian land, and having
 the Word preached amongst them, yet live regardless
 of its holy doctrines and precepts. Lord! that their
 eyes may be opened! that they might receive their
 * Matt. xx. 33, 34. sight, and follow Thee, the Lord their God^o.

Thou hast commanded that the Gospel should be preached to every creature*, and Thou hast promised to be with us always, even unto the end of the world[†]. O let Thy richest blessing rest upon ^{• Matt. xxviii.} all, who either at home or among heathen nations, ^{20.} are labouring in the cause of the truth. Intercede for them, blessed Jesus! and for all who seek Thee, that their faith fail not[‡], but that they may in ^{• Luke xxii.} patience possess their souls unto the end[§], knowing, ^{32.} ^{• Ch. xxi. 19.} that though heaven and earth shall pass away, yet that the word of the Lord shall not pass away[¶]. ^{• Ver. 33.}

* Mark xvi. 15.

FRIDAY EVENING.

FROM ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS.

- ^a Ephes. i. 17. O! FATHER of Glory^a! we bow our knees unto Thee, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in Heaven and Earth is
- ^b Ch. iii. 14, 15. named^b. Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the spirit of wisdom and revelation, in the knowledge of Him. May the eyes of our understanding be enlightened, that we may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to usward, who
- ^c Ch. i. 17— believe^c.
19.

O grant unto us according to the riches of Thy glory, to be strengthened with might by Thy spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend

with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of God^d. Enable us to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace^e. ^{d. Ephes. iii. 16—19.} ^{e. Ch. iv. 1—3.}

O Thou ! who hast ascended up on high, leading captivity captive, and hast received^a gifts for men^f, ^{f. Ver. 8.} pour abundantly upon us the gifts and graces of Thy Holy Spirit, that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up unto Thee in all things^g. Suffer ^{g. Ver. 14, 15.} us not to be alienated from the life of God, through the ignorance and blindness of our hearts^h, but may ^{h. Ver. 18.} we know and follow the truth as it is in Jesus. May we put off concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of our mind; and may we put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. May we

^a Psal. lxxviii. 18.

shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked : also the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints, especially for the ministers of God's word, that utterance may be given unto them, that they may open their mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the Gospel^m.

^m Ephes. vi.
14—19.

O Lord our God! for all the mercies of the day past, give us, we pray Thee, thankful hearts. Pardon whatever Thy holy eyes have seen amiss in us, and be pleased to watch over us through the silent hours of the night, and may grace and peace be with us", and all our dear friends and relations, ^m Ver. 24. 25. through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

FROM THE THIRD TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH PSALM.

O LORD our God! how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth, who hast set Thy glory above the

^a Psal. viii. 1. Heavens^a! We would praise Thee, O God, with our whole heart; we would declare all Thy marvellous works; we would be glad and rejoice in Thee; we would sing praise to Thy Name, O Thou Most

^b Psal. ix. 1, 2. High^b. Thou, O Lord, art a shield for us, our glory, and the lifter up of our head. We laid us down and slept; we awaked, for Thou, Lord, sus-

^c Psal. iii. 3. 5. tained us^c. We will trust in Thy mercy, for Thou

^d Psal. xiii. 5, hast dealt bountifully with us^d. O God! prepare

^e Psal. x. 17. our hearts^e to pray unto Thee, and from Thy Holy Temple above, look down upon us, and hear our cry. Unto Thee do we lift up our souls; let not the

^f Psal. xxv. 1, 2. enemies of our salvation triumph over us^f. Shew us Thy ways, O Lord! teach us Thy paths; lead us in Thy truth and teach us, for Thou art the God

of our salvation, on Thee may we wait all the day.
 Remember, O Lord! Thy tender mercies and Thy
 loving kindnesses, for they have been ever of old.
 Remember not the sins of our youth, nor our trans-
 gressions; according to Thy mercy remember Thou
 us, for Thy goodness' sake; O Lord^{s†} Bless us, ^s Psal. xxv. 4
 we beseech Thee, this day and for ever, and with —7.
 Thy favour encompass us as with a shield^b. Shew ^b Psal. v. 12.
 us the path of lifeⁱ, and enable us to set Thee always ⁱ Psal. xvi. 11.
 before us^k, remembering that he who departeth from ^k Ver. 8.
 Thee is cursed^{*}, but that in Thy presence is fulness
 of joy, and at Thy right hand are pleasures for
 evermore^l. ^l Ver. 11.

Many are there that rise up against us, O Lord^m, ^m Psal. iii. 1.
 and we are weak, and unable of ourselves to stand
 against them[†], but be Thou our Rock, our Fortress,
 and our Deliverer; our Strength, our Buckler, and
 our strong Defenceⁿ: yea, let Thy strength be made ⁿ Psal. xviii. 2
 perfect in our weakness[‡]. Hold Thou up our
 goings, that our footsteps slip not^o; gird us with ^o Psal. xvii. 5.
 strength unto the battle; subdue under us those
 that rise up against us^p. ^p Psal. xviii.
 39.

* Jer. xvii. 5.

† Ephes. vi. 11—13.

‡ 2 Cor. xii. 9.

- O Lord! Thy judgements are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb¹, and in keeping of them there is great reward, but who can tell how oft he offendeth.
- ¹ Psal. xix. 9 —11.
- O cleanse Thou us from our secret faults². Keep back Thy servants also from presumptuous sins³. May we meditate daily in Thy law, and in Thy testimony which is perfect, converting the soul, making wise the simple. May we delight ourselves in Thy statutes, which are right, rejoicing the heart. May we obey Thy commandment which is pure, enlightening the eyes⁴, so shall we receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of our salvation⁵.
- ² Ver. 12. (Prayer Book)
³ Ver. 13.
⁴ Ver. 7, 8.
⁵ Psal. xxiv. 5.

- O Lord! be Thou our Shepherd, and we shall not want. Make us to lie down in green pastures, lead us beside the still waters of comfort. Restore our souls, when through weakness they have wandered from the right way, and lead us in the paths of righteousness for Thy Name's sake⁶. Let goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life⁷, and when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, let us fear no evil, but be Thou with us, and let Thy rod and Thy staff comfort us⁸.
- ⁶ Psal. xxiii. 1 —3.
⁷ Ver. 6.
⁸ Ver. 4.

O God! to-morrow is the rest of Thy Holy Sabbath*; prepare our hearts, we beseech Thee, for the observance of it, teach us so to regulate our worldly business, that it may as little as possible interfere with the duties of the sacred day. Let Thy Spirit rest upon all the ministers of the Gospel in their preparation for their holy labours, and may all Christian people round the world, take hold of Thy covenant, and keep the Sabbath from polluting it†.

Hear, O Lord! our prayer, which goeth not out of feigned lips*, and let the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ, our Strength, and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

* Psal. xvii. 1.
† Psal. xix. 14.

* Exod. xvi. 23.

† Isa. lvi. 6.

SATURDAY EVENING.

FROM THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN.

- ALMIGHTY GOD! who so loved the world, that Thou gavest Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life^a, we beseech Thee to enable us with faith to receive Christ Jesus as our only Saviour, that He may give us power to become the Sons of God^b. May we be born again of the Spirit^c, and let it not be said of us, that light is come into the world, and that we loved darkness better than light, because our deeds were evil^d. May we worship Thee in spirit and in truth^e, and do Thou give unto us of that living water^f which shall be in us a well of water springing up into everlasting life^g. May we diligently search the Scriptures with fervent prayer, for therein we have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Christ^h. O that all men would come unto Him, that they might have lifeⁱ.
- ^a John iii. 16.
- ^b Ch. i. 12.
- ^c Ch. iii. 5.
- ^d Ver. 19.
- ^e Ch. iv. 23.
- ^f Ver. 10.
- ^g Ver. 14.
- ^h Ch. v. 39.
- ⁱ Ver. 40.

Thou, O Saviour! art the bread which came down from Heaven, to give life unto the world^k. O that ^k John vi. 33. we, and all the children of men, might have our eyes opened to see Thee, and our hearts opened to receive Thee. He that cometh to Thee shall never hunger: he that believeth in Thee shall never thirst! May ^l Ver. 35. we feed on Thee in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving, that so Thou mayest, on the last day, raise us up unto everlasting life^m. May we follow Thee, ⁿ Ver. 40. who art the Light of the world, that we walk not in 'darkness', and may we continue in Thy word, that ⁿ Ch. viii. 12. we may know the truth, and that the truth may make us free^o. ^o Ver. 31, 32.

O Thou Good Shepherd! who hast given Thy life for the sheep^p, receive us into Thy flock; may ^p Ch. x. 11. we dwell safely under Thy protection, and go in and out, and find pasture^q. Let us not perish, let ^q Ver. 9. none pluck us out of Thy hand^r; but let us be of ^r Ver. 28. that blessed number, to whom Thou hast said, "Fear not, little flock; it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom*."

Very many holy precepts Thou, O Lord, hast given

* Luke xii. 32.

- us in Thy word, and happy are we if we know and do these things. Especially Thou hast commanded us to love one another, even as Thou hast loved us.
- O may we so love one another, that all men may
- * John xiii. 34, 35. know that we are Thy disciples*. Thou art the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh
- † Ch. xiv. 6. unto the Father but by Thee†. Enable us to follow
- * Ch. xi. 25. Thee, to believe in Thee*, to abide in Thee, that we may bring forth much fruit, for without Thee
- † Ch. xv. 4, 5. we can do nothing†. Send unto us, we beseech Thee, the Holy Ghost the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, that He may guide us into all truth, that He may teach us all things, and bring all things to our remembrance, whatsoever Thou hast said unto
- † Ch. xiv. 16. us†. Intercede for us, that we may be one with
- 26; xvi. 13.
- * Ch. xvii. 21. Thee and the Father*, that we may be kept from
- † Ver. 15. the evil of the world†, that we may be sanctified
- * Ver. 17. through Thy word, which is Truth*, and that after this life, we may be with Thee where Thou art, and
- * Ver. 24. behold Thy glory*. And while we are yet pilgrims through this vale of tears, let not our hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. May we be soothed in all our sufferings and trials by that Peace
- Ch. xiv. 27. which Thou givest, not as the world giveth†; and though in the world we may have tribulation, yet may we be of good cheer, knowing that Thou hast

overcome the world^e, and that Thou art gone up on ^e John xvi. 33.
high to prepare a place for us, and will come again,
and receive us unto Thyself, that where Thou art,
there we may be also^d.

^d Ch. xiv. 3, 3.

Even so come, Lord Jesus*. *Amen.*

* Rev. xxii. 20.

PRAYER

TO BE USED AT ANY TIME.

O GOD of love and mercy, Author of every good and perfect gift! hear me for Jesus Christ's sake, whilst prostrate before Thee, I lift up my feeble prayer unto Thee, for myself, and those whom unceasingly I would remember before the Throne

^a James v. 16. of Grace^a.

Take us, I beseech Thee, Father in Heaven, to Thy protection, Thy guidance, and Thy blessing. All our wants and wishes are naked and open unto

^b Heb. iv. 13. Thine eyes^b, O Thou, who searchest the heart of
^c Psal. cxxxix. 23. Jer. xvii. 10. man, and knowest his most secret thoughts^c. Supply them, I beseech Thee, out of Thine abundant
^d 1 Pet. i. 3. mercy^d. Increase our faith^e, pardon all our sins,
^e Luke xvii. 5. wash us in the blood of Christ^f, sanctify us by Thy
^f 1 John i. 7. Blessed Spirit, grant unto us spiritual wisdom^g and
^g James i. 5; iii. 17. understanding, a knowledge of our duty^h, light to
^h Acts ix. 6. direct usⁱ, and grace^k to strengthen us.
ⁱ John viii. 12.
^k 2 Cor. xii. 9.

O Lord! give unto us, I pray Thee, a new heart; put a new spirit within us, take away the stony heart out of our flesh, and give us a heart of flesh. O put Thy own Spirit within us, and cause us to walk in Thy statutes, and to keep Thy judgements, and to do them¹. Incline us diligently to read, and meditate upon Thy Holy Word^m with fervent prayer. Open our understandings, that we may understand the Scripturesⁿ; and may the blessed truths contained in them, sink deep into our hearts, and bring forth in us the fruits of a holy life. Enable us to submit with perfect resignation to Thy will in all things, desiring at all times to be under Thy direction and guidance, and assuredly believing that Thou wilt make all things work together for good, to those who love^o and trust in Thee. Give us sincere repentance, a godly sorrow^p for sin, a deeper sense of our guilt and vileness^q, and at the same time, more realizing views of the exceeding great love and compassion of our dear Redeemer, of His power^r, and willingness to save all that come unto God through Him^s.

¹ Ezek. xxxvi. 26, 27.

^m Psal. i. 2.

Acts xvii. 11.

² Tim. iii. 15—17.

ⁿ Luke xxiv. 13—32.

^o Rom. viii. 28.

^p 2 Cor. vii. 10.

^q Job xl. 4.

^r Matt. ix. 6.

^s John vi. 37.

Bestow upon us that most precious gift, the spirit of prayer^t. Make us to hunger and thirst after righteousness, that we may be filled^u; and O, may

^t Zech. xii. 10.

^u Matt. v. 6.

our hearts be as the earth, which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, that we may receive blessing from God^v.

May our affections be daily more and more weaned from earthly things, and set upon things above^w. May Thy love be shed abroad in our hearts abundantly, by the Holy Ghost^x, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy gracious promises. Preserve us from lukewarmness^y, indolence^z, and inactivity, and enable us diligently to improve the talents committed to our charge^a. In all our enjoyments, be Thou nigh to sanctify them unto us^b, in all our temptations^c succour us, in all our difficulties direct and guide us^d; and finally, when our earthly pilgrimage is ended, may we enter into that rest which remaineth for the people of God^e.

O Father of Mercy! may these petitions find grace in Thy sight, and do Thou send down an answer of peace^f, for His sake, who is ever at Thy right hand^g, to make intercession for us^h, even for Jesus Christ's sake, our Blessed Lord and Saviour.

ⁱ Ch. vii. 25. *Amen.*

^v Gen. xli. 16.
Isa. lviii. 9;
lxv. 24. Lam.
iii. 57.

^w Acts. vii. 55.
Heb. viii. 1.

^x Heb. viii. 1.

^y Ch. vii. 25.

^z Ch. vii. 25.

^a Ch. vii. 25.

^b Ch. vii. 25.

^c Ch. vii. 25.

^d Ch. vii. 25.

^e Ch. vii. 25.

^f Ch. vii. 25.

^g Ch. vii. 25.

^h Ch. vii. 25.

ⁱ Ch. vii. 25.

PRAYER.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O GOD! the Creator and Preserver of all men,
 with whom are the issues of life and death^a, help me ^{a Psal. lxxviii. 20.}
 to approach Thee this evening, with an humble,
 penitent, believing, and thankful heart. Behold, I
 am as dust and ashes^b before Thee, yet reject me ^{b Gen. xviii. 27.}
 not, I beseech Thee, but look upon me as a recon-
 ciled Father in Christ Jesus; grant unto me Thy
 Holy Spirit to help my infirmities^c; and that I may ^{c Rom. viii. 26.}
 obtain my petitions, make me to ask such things,
 and in such a manner as shall please Thee^d, through ^{d 1 John v. 14.}
 Jesus Christ our Saviour and Intercessor.

O Lord! Thy protecting hand has brought me
 to the conclusion of another week, and O! how great
 have been the mercies which have followed me^e ^{e Psal. xxiii. 6.}
 through the course of it. I have been as a rebel-
 lious child^f, I have sinned against Thee day by day, ^{f Isa. i. 2.}
 in thought, and word, and deed. I have deserved

from Thee only wrath, and behold, Thou hast crowned me with loving kindnesses and tender mercies^e. Thou hast been long-suffering^h, and full of compassionⁱ towards me. Thou hast not dealt with me after my sins, nor rewarded me according to my iniquities^k, and still Thou waitest to be gracious unto me^l. Let, I pray Thee, Thy great goodness, Thy patience and forbearance, lead me to repentance^m; and, O my Heavenly Father! in pleading for myself, suffer me to plead also for my beloved friends and relations, and all who have asked my prayers, or for whom I have been asked to pray. Convince us of sin, of righteousness, and of judgementⁿ. May we mourn in our hearts with a godly sorrow^o, for the many and great sins we have committed against Thee^p; may we sincerely and heartily resolve henceforward to turn from our evil ways unto Thee^q, the Lord our God. Shouldst Thou spare us to see the light of another day,—shouldst Thou preserve us through another week, O God of Mercy, grant us Thy grace, I earnestly beseech Thee, to love Thee more, and serve Thee better. May the time that is past, suffice us to have walked according to our own devices^r; may our eyes be opened to see, and our hearts be strengthened to follow, the things that belong unto our peace,

^e Psal. ciii. 4.^h Exod. xxxiv. 6.ⁱ Psal. lxxviii. 38; cxi. 4; cxlv. 8.^k Psal. ciii. 10.^l Isa. xxx. 18.^m Rom. ii. 4.ⁿ John xvi. 8.^o 2 Cor. vii. 10.^p James iv. 8 —10.^q Isa. xxxi. 6.
Jer. xxxi. 18.
Hos. xiv. 2.
Joel ii. 12, 13.
Zech. ix. 12.^r Jer. xviii. 12.
Ephes. ii. 3.

lest they be hid from our eyes'. Take from us 'Lukexix.42.
the carnal mind, which is death, and give us the
spiritual mind, which is life and peace'. ' Rom. viii. 6.

O pardon, pardon, Lord God, we beseech Thee,
all our sins, and wash them away in the blood of
Jesus Christ, which cleanseth from all sin'. Enable ' 1 John i. 7.
us henceforward to bring forth the fruits of the
Spirit, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness,
goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. May we
crucify the flesh, with its affections and lusts, and
may we live and walk in the Spirit'. ' Gal. v. 22—
25.

O Lord! I beseech Thee to reward tenfold into
their own bosoms, all those from whom we have
received kindness; and if any have injured or
offended us, may we from our hearts forgive them', ' Matt. v. 43
—48.
and do Thou grant unto us all, whatsoever things
spiritual or temporal we stand in need of.

O God! our Preserver, our Redeemer, our
Comforter! remember us for good this night. May
we, if it be Thy blessed will, have rest and peace;
may the angel of Thy presence* watch over us; * Isa. lxiii. 9.
and may we rise in the morning refreshed and

strengthened, and prepared in body and soul for the holy duties of the Sabbath.

Hear me, O mercifully hear me, O Lord God!
in these my supplications and prayers, for the sake
Gal. ii. 20. of Him who loved me, and gave Himself for me,
and who now liveth and reigneth with Thee, and
the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
Amen.

PRAYER

FOR AN INCREASE IN GRACE AND HOLINESS.

O FATHER of Lights! with whom is no variable-
ness, neither shadow of turning, and from whom
cometh every good and perfect gift^a, teach me to ^a James i. 17.
pray^b, and hear my prayer for Christ's sake. ^b Luke xi. 1.

Give me a greater knowledge of my own heart ;
for, alas! the heart of man is by nature deceitful
above all things, and desperately wicked : who can
know it^c? Give me a greater abhorrence of sin^d, ^c Jer. xvii. 9.
and even the appearance of evil^e, and at the same ^d Rom. xii. 9.
time, a stronger sense of the love, the pardoning ^e 1 Thess. v. 22.
love of God, in Christ Jesus^f. Give me sincere ^f John iii. 16.
repentance, and that broken and contrite spirit,
which Thou, O God, wilt not despise^g. May my ^g Psal. li. 17.
repentance and sorrow be of that godly sort, ^h Isa. lxvi. 2.
which shall work in me, *carefulness* to avoid
offence, *clearing* of my soul from evil dispositions,
indignation against sin, *fear* of displeasing Thee,

- ^a 2 Cor. vii. 11. *vehement desire* after holiness, *zeal* for Thy service^a.
ⁱ Matt. xxvi. 28. John xiii. 8. Wash me, O Lord, in the blood of Christⁱ; give
^k Mark ix. 23. me a true and strong faith^k, and a constant sense of
^l Gen. xvii. 1. the Divine Presence^l; that so the fleeting things of
 Psal. xvi. 11; this life^m may appear in their true colours, that
 li. 11. neither its joys nor its sorrows may have an undue
ⁿ 1 John ii. 15 —17. 2 Cor. iv. 18. influence over meⁿ, and that the precious promises
^p Philip. iv. 11 —13. contained in Thy Holy Word^p, may be more realized
^o 2 Pet. i. 4. to me, and become to me more and more valuable.
^r Col. ii. 2. 19. Knit^r my heart closely unto Thee, and since without
^s John xv. 5. Him we can do nothing, make me to abide in Christ^s.

- O Lord! I earnestly pray Thee to give me a
^t 1 Pet. iv. 8. spirit of fervent charity^t towards all my fellow-
 creatures, and more earnest desires for their spiritual
^u 1 Tim. ii. 1. welfare^u. May I be kind and tender-hearted^t,
 James v. 16. carefully avoiding all that may unnecessarily give
 1 John v. 16. pain, either by word or deed, and doing to others,
^v Eph. iv. 32. as I would they should do unto me^v. Disengage
^w Matt. vii. 12. my heart from all idolatrous love of earthly things^v.
^x 1 John v. 21. May the love of God^w be shed abroad in my heart
^y Deut. vi. 5. abundantly, by the Holy Ghost^x; and may this
 John xiv. 21. divine love be the rule and spring of all my actions^y.
^z 1 Pet. i. 8. Rom. v. 5. 1 John xiv. 15. 2 Cor. v. 14, 15.

Give me a heart, open, sincere, and upright,
 feelings in all things well regulated, and if it be

Thy will, a calm and tranquil spirit. May I be careful for nothing, but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, make known my requests unto God^a. As I have opportunity, ^a Philip iv. 6. so enable me to do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith^a, ^a Gal. vi. 10. believing Thou wilt accept my endeavours to serve Thee, however unworthy, for Christ's sake, and remembering His gracious word of encouragement to her, who had anointed His head with precious ointment, "She hath done what she could^b." ^b Mark xiv. 8.

Lord, I desire to cast all my care upon Thee. O enable me to believe and feel that Thou carest for me^c. Give me, I beseech Thee, a spirit of ^c 1 Pet. v. 7. fervent, persevering prayer^d, for myself and others. ^d Lake xviii. 1. Acts xii. 5. O may I pray without ceasing^e; may I watch and pray ^e 1 Thessa. v. 17. that I enter not into temptation^f; may I continue ^f Matt. xxvi. 41. in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving^g. ^g Col. iv. 2. Give me heavenly wisdom^h, meeknessⁱ, and simplicity^k, a spirit of holy self-denial, that I may daily take up my cross, and follow Christ^l, spiritual mindedness^m, and deep humilityⁿ. ^h James i. 5. ⁱ Matt. v. 5. ^k 2 Cor. xi. 3. ^l Matt. xvi. 24. Luke ix. 23. ^m Rom. viii. 6. ⁿ Prov. xv. 33. Luke xiv. 11. Acts xx. 19. 1 Pet. v. 5.

Father! these are indeed precious gifts, and I am utterly unworthy; but did not Christ Jesus

- ° 1 Tim. i. 15. come into the world to save sinners°? Hast Thou
not said, Blessed are they that hunger and thirst
after righteousness, for they shall be filled? Behold
me waiting at the gate of Thy mercy, to be fed with
the bread of life^a. Reject me not; send me not
away fasting, lest I faint by the way^r. O my God!
I plead His Name alone, in whom all fulness dwells^s.
Saviour! intercede for me^t! O let my prayer be
set before Thee as incense; let the lifting up of my
hands be unto Thee an acceptable sacrifice^u, O
Lord! my Strength and my Redeemer^v! *Amen,*
Amen.
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PRAYER

FOR ONE IN AFFLICTION.

O THOU! who afflictest not willingly, nor grieveſt
 the children of men^a: Thou who pitieſt us, even as ^a Lam. iii. 39.
 a father pitieth his children^b, ſuffer me to approach ^b Pſal. ciii. 13.
 Thee in the Name of Jeſus Chriſt, our compaſſion-
 ate High Prieſt, who is touched with the feeling
 of our infirmities^c, and who ever liveth to make ^c Heb. iv. 15.
 interceſſion for us^d. ^d Ch. vii. 25.

O God! Thine hand is very heavy upon me^e; ^e 1 Sam. v. 11.
 Thine arrows ſtick faſt in me^f. Mine iniquities ^f Job xxxiii. 7.
 are gone over my head as an heavy burdē; they ^g Pſal. xxxii. 4.
 are too heavy for me^g. I am troubled, I am bowed ^h Pſal. xxxviii. 2.
 down greatly: I go mourning all the day long^h. ⁱ Ver. 4.
 Lord, all my deſire is before Thee, and my groaning ^j Ver. 6.
 is not hid from Theeⁱ. I will declare mine iniquity; ^k Ver. 9.
 I will be ſorry for my ſin^k. Help me to bear Thine ^l Ver. 18.
 indignation, for I have ſinned againſt Thee^l; help ^m Mich. vii. 9.

- 1 Pet. v. 6. me to humble myself under Thy mighty hand^m,
and to mourn with a godly sorrow for all the offences
I have committed against Thee, my merciful God
and Father. Surely in mercy Thou hast now lifted
- Mich. vi. 9. up Thy rod against meⁿ; Thou hast hedged up
my way with thorns, that I should not depart from
- Hosea ii. 6. Thee°. I know, O Lord, that Thou wilt not
contend for ever; Thou wilt not be always wrath,
lest the Spirit should fail before Thee, and the souls
- Isa. lvii. 16. which Thou hast made^p.

- Ver. 19. O God of Love! speak peace^a to my troubled
- Psal. xxxv. breast. Say unto my soul, I am Thy salvation^r.
3. In this my day of trouble I call upon Thee; O help
- Psal. l. 15. me, and deliver me, that I may glorify Thee°. May
- Lam. iii. 40. I search and try my ways^t; may I be zealous and
- Rev. iii. 19. repent^a; and do Thou, for Christ's sake, forgive
me all my sins.

Help me to bear my trials with resignation, and

- 1 Thess. iv. let me not sorrow as those who have no hope^r. O
13.
- 2 Cor. xii. 9. let me feel Thy grace sufficient for me^r, and looking
unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our Faith,
may I be enabled to run with patience the race that
- Heb. xii. 1, is set before me^r, and have reason to all eternity to
2.
- Psal. cxix. say, 'It was good for me to be afflicted'^r.
71.

Send to me, I pray Thee, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter^a, and reveal to me more of Thy loving kindness, and tender mercy^a. Give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation, in the knowledge of Christ Jesus. May the eyes of my understanding be enlightened, that I may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe^b. O grant me, according to the riches of Thy glory, to be strengthened with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man. May Christ dwell in my heart by faith^c, and may the remembrance of that Rest, which remaineth for the people of God^d, sweeten the troubles of this mortal life.

^a John xiv. 26.
^a Psal. xxv. 6.
Hos. ii. 19.
^b Eph. i. 17—19.
^c Ch. iii. 16, 17.
^d Heb. iv. 9.

Father! in submission to Thy blessed will, I beseech Thee, to mitigate my sufferings. O if it be possible, let this cup pass from me^e, and restore me to peace and comfort: but Thou alone knowest what is good for me; therefore, from my heart enable me to say, 'not my will, but Thine, be done'^f; and to cast my care upon Thee, who carest for me^g.

^e Matt. xxvi. 39.
^f Luke xxii. 42.
^g 1 Pet. v. 7.

O Lord! I beseech Thee to sanctify these afflictions, not only to my good, but also to the good of

- all connected with me, that seeing this world to be
^h Job v. 6, 7. one of trouble^h and sorrow, and that we know not
ⁱ Prov. xxvii. 1. what a day may bring forthⁱ, we may, from this
day, earnestly seek to know and follow the things
^h Luke xix. 42. that belong unto our peace^h; so that when these
our earthly tabernacles are dissolved, we may have
a building of God, a house not made with hands,
ⁱ 2 Cor. v. 1. eternal in the Heavensⁱ. Hear me, and receive
these my supplications, O God, I beseech Thee,
for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*
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PRAYER ON SUNDAY,

FOR ONE, WHO, BY ILL HEALTH, IS PREVENTED
FROM ATTENDING THE HOLY ORDINANCES
OF THE CHURCH.

ALMIGHTY GOD! Creator and Governor of the Universe, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Author of Light and Life! Thou by whom every hair of our heads is numbered, and without whose knowledge and permission, not a sparrow falleth to the ground^a, in obedience to the commands of Thy dear Son, I, a sinful and helpless creature, have entered into my closet, and shut my door, and would pray to my Father in secret^b. O may I so ask, that I may receive; so seek, that I may find; so knock, that it may be opened unto me^c.

^a Matt. x. 29, 30.

^b Ch. vi. 6.

^c Ch. vii. 7.

The flesh is weak, but the spirit is willing^d. Blessed encouragement. Lord! teach and help me to pray with fervour, humility, and faith, trusting alone in my Saviour for acceptance.

^d Ch. xxvi. 41.

O my Heavenly Father! this is the holy rest of

- Isa. lviii. 13. Thy Sabbath^o, one day in seven, blest and consecrated by Thee from the beginning of the world, and especially hallowed by the resurrection of our
- † John xx. 1. Lord Jesus Christ from the dead^t. This is the day in which the congregations of Thy people assemble themselves together in the courts of Thy house^e, to pray unto Thee, and to praise Thee, yea, to humble themselves^b, and to rejoice before Thee^l.
- Psal. c. 4; cxxii. 1; cxxxv. 2.
 b 2 Chron. vii. 14; xxxiv. 27.
 l Lev. xxiii. 40. Dent. xvi. 11.
- Isa. xxxii. 15. O may Thy Holy Spirit descend from on high^k, upon all who shall gather themselves together in Thy Name^l, that they may be enabled to seek Thee acceptably, through Jesus Christ. May Thy faithful ministers come forth this day, in the fulness of the
- Rom. xv. 29. blessing of the Gospel of Christ^m. May they rightly
- 2 Tim. ii. 15. divide the word of truthⁿ; may they be permitted
- Ch. iv. 2. to speak a word in season^o to all who hear them; Isa. i. 4. may the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the
- Ch. xxxv. 5. deaf unstopped^p; may the faith of the believer
- Luke xvii. 5. be increased^q; may the fallen be raised up^r, the
- Ch. vii. 40—50. wandering sinner brought back^s, the broken-hearted
- Ch. xix. 10. healed^t, the feeble strengthened, the tempted succoured^u. May all that wait upon Thee renew their strength; may they mount up with wings as eagles, may they run, and not be weary, may they walk, and not faint^v. May Thy richest blessings be
- 1 Cor. x. 13.
- Isa. xl. 20—31.

poured out upon Thy faithful people; and may many, and many, who hitherto have lived regardless of the things of Eternity, be brought this day to cry out in the earnestness of their souls, "What must I do to be saved?"

^w Acts xvi. 30.

Holy Father^x! God of patience and consolation^y! who art very pitiful and of tender mercy^z; it has pleased Thee, that I should be disabled from attending the sacred services of the Church; it has pleased Thee to separate me from the congregation of Thy people, and while they are with one heart, and one voice, lifting up their prayers and praises unto Thee, I am a solitary creature, kneeling before Thee.

^x John xvii. 11.
^y Rom. xv. 5.

^z James v. 11.

Lord! I pray Thee, that I may not be unmindful of the many and undeserved blessings still remaining to me. Let me not forget Thy benefits^a, but acknowledge them with an humble and thankful heart. Yet Thou knowest my trials are great, yea, often very heavy, and that my soul is often cast down within me. I remember the time when I went with the multitude, when I went with them to the House of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holiday^b. Sometimes my spirit

^a Psal. ciii. 2.

^b Psal. xlii. 4
—6.

- is overwhelmed within me: my heart within me is desolate^c; yet, O Lord, I will trust in Thee, and not be afraid^d. Art Thou not the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth^e? Is there not in the Lord Jehovah everlasting strength^f? O suffer not my faith to fail; be Thou to me a very present help in time of trouble^g; and since it is Thy will, that I should be deprived of the help and comfort of holy ordinances, and outward means of grace, may I be enabled to cling more closely and earnestly to Him, in whom it hath pleased Thee, that all fulness should dwell^h. O may I abide in Him, and bring forth fruit abundantlyⁱ; may I grow in grace, and in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ^k; may Thy holy Word be blest to my soul, by the teaching of the Spirit^l; may I be enabled to believe in it, and understand it, and may I draw therefrom, light and strength, sanctification and comfort. May I humble myself under Thine afflicting hand^m, and both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lordⁿ; and may I, by my present trials, be made a partaker of Thy holiness^o, and more and more meet for the kingdom of Heaven.
- ^c Psal. cxliii. 4.
- ^d Isa. xii. 2.
- ^e Exod. xxxiv. 6.
- ^f Isa. xxvi. 4.
- ^g Psal. xli. 1.
- ^h Col. i. 19.
- ⁱ John xv. 1 —8.
- ^k 2 Pet. iii. 18.
- ^l John xiv. 26.
- ^m 1 Pet. v. 6.
- ⁿ Lam. iii. 26.
- ^o Heb. xii. 10.

O God, may I be enabled to love Thee supremely, to love Thee with all my heart, and soul, and strength, and mind^p, and may my heart also be ^p Luke x. 27. filled with a spirit of fervent charity towards all my fellow-creatures^q, so that, although now cut off ^q 1 Pet. iv. 8. from Thy earthly temple, I may be permitted, after this life of trial is ended, to join the society of the blest in Thy heavenly temple^r, there to dwell for ^r Rev. vii. 15. ever in the fulness of joy^s, and to praise and glorify ^s Psal. xvi. 11. Thee through all eternity.

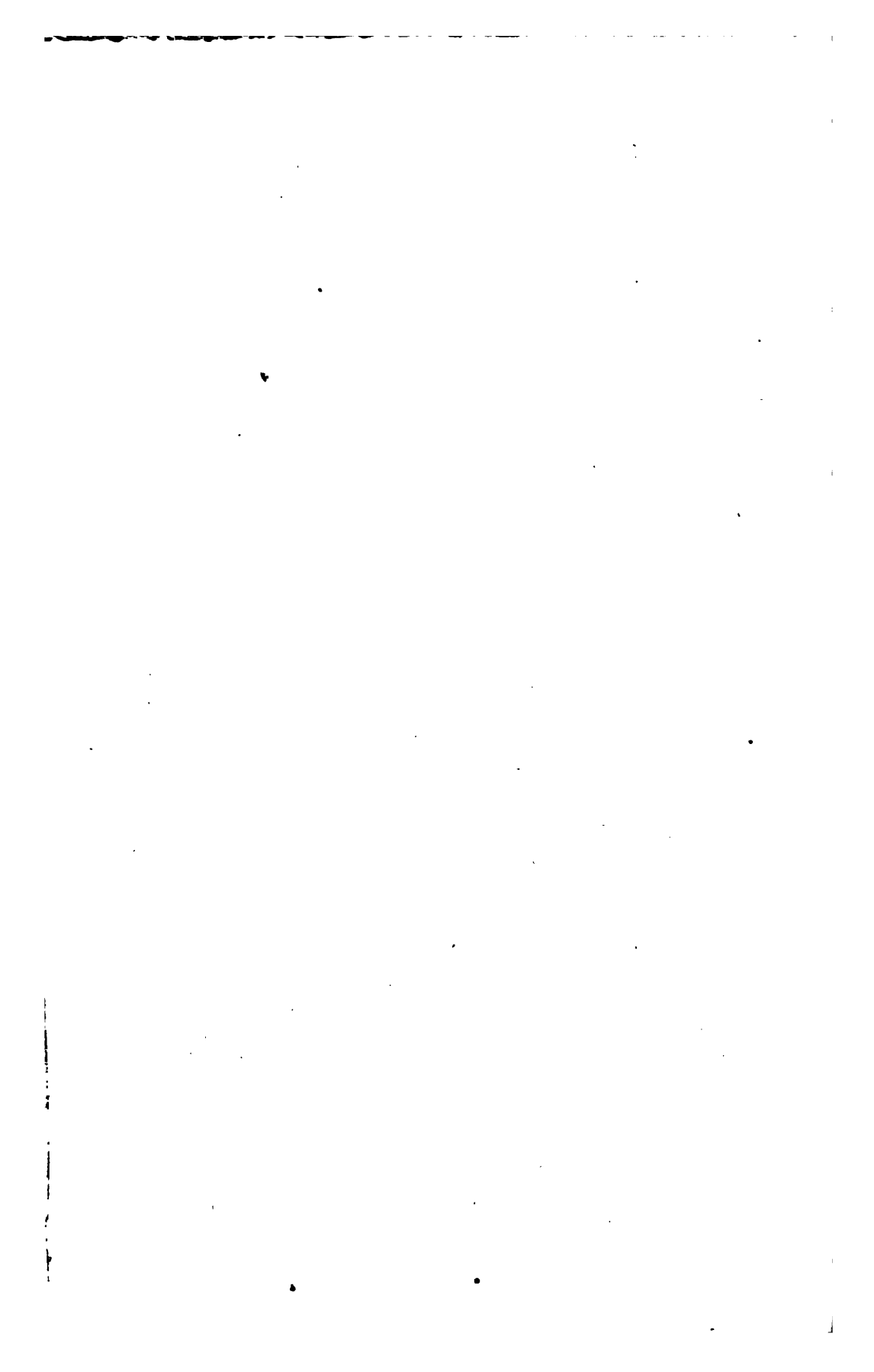
Hear, O Lord, these my earnest petitions, for the sake of my dear Redeemer. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven: give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy-Ghost, be with us all, evermore. *Amen.*

HYMNS.

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Should the following HYMNS be thought to breathe a more melancholy spirit than our religion of "glad tidings" is calculated to inspire, the Compiler of this little Work would mention, that they were chiefly written during a period of severe and protracted suffering, and refer the reader to the annexed words of Holy Inspiration, as, perhaps, some of those in the sacred volume, best calculated to soothe and strengthen the afflicted Christian:—

"God chastens us for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now, no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward, it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

Heb. xii. 10, 11.

"Our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

2 Cor. iv. 17.

"In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

John xvi. 33.

**" Speaking to yourselves in Psalms, and Hymns, and Spiritual
Songs, singing and making melody in your heart unto the Lord."**

Ephes. v. 19.

HYMNS.

HYMN I.

SABBATH.

“ And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it.”

Gen. ii. 3.

HAIL ! sweet return of Holy Rest^a !
 Sabbath by God supremely blest ;
 Hail ! sacred emblem of that day,
 When God shall wipe all tears away^b !

Jesu ! in Thy dear Name we plead,
 For grace to help in time of need^c ;
 Humble, yet confident, we kneel^d,
 'Till God His pardoning love reveal^e.

^a Exod. xvi. 23. ^b Isa. xxv. 8. Rev. xxi. 4. ^c Heb. iv. 16.

^d Ephes. iii. 12.

^e John xiv. 21.

May each tumultuous passion cease,
 And every soul be filled with peace;
 Sweetly may love our voices blend—
 Jointly our prayers to Heaven ascend^f.

O Thou ! exalted high above,
 Almighty Father ! God of Love^g !
 Thou ! from whom all our blessings flow—
 Thou ! to whom every knee shall bow^h,

Unlock Thy sacred treasures, Lordⁱ;
 Reveal the glories of Thy word^k;
 And feed us with that bread from Heaven,
 By God in sweet compassion given^l.

We come for shelter to the rock,
 Where all Thy weary children flock^m;
 We come to bask us in the rayⁿ
 That beams upon the narrow way^o.

^f Matt. xviii. 19, 20. ^g 1 John iv. 8. ^h Isa. xlv. 23.

ⁱ 2 Cor. iv. 6, 7. ^k Ch. iv. 4. ^l 1 Tim. i. 11.

^m John vi. 32. ⁿ Isa. xxxii. 2. ^o Mal. iv. 2.

^p Matt. vii. 14.

Lord ! that we may receive our sight^p,
Pour down a stream of heavenly light ;
And as we read each precious line,
May all our will be sunk in Thine.

May holy comfort from on high,
Soothe every child of misery ;
And every mourning, troubled breast,
Find this indeed a day of Rest^q.

^p Luke xviii. 41.

^q Matt. xi. 28.

H Y M N II.

"They should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him."

Acts xvii. 27.

TREMBLING, through dark and troubled paths we grope^a,
 If haply we might find the way of peace^b;
 O! for a ray to cheer our fainting hope,
 And bid our doubts, and fears, and terrors, cease^c.

Jesu, our Lord! on Thy unchanging love^d
 We cast the burden of our misery^e;
 Look down in pity, from Thy throne above,
 And help us to adore, and trust in Thee.

When shall our souls, renewed and grafted in,
 As sacred branches to the Eternal Vine^f,
 Burst the vile bonds of unbelief and sin^g,
 And shine in spotless righteousness all thine^h.

Behold! meek suppliants at Thy feet we bow,—
 To Thee our wearied eyes from earth we lift;
 Saviour! the promised Comforter bestow;—
 'Twas Thine the promise: O be Thine the giftⁱ!

^a Isa. lix. 9, 10.

^b Acts xvii. 27.

^c Ch. xxvii. 20. 29.

^d Heb. xiii. 8.

^e Psal. lv. 22.

^f John xv. 5.

^g Rom. viii. 21.

^h Jer. xxiii. 6.

ⁱ John xiv. 16.

H Y M N III.

" Arise ye, and depart, for this is not your rest."

Micah ii. 10.

ON, weary Pilgrims !—Glorious is your rest^a!

Though tempests rage, and rushing floods descend^b,
With ruthless fury on your troubled breast,
Fear not, our God is mighty to defend^c.

Encircled by the buckler of His love^d,
Danger may threaten us, but cannot harm^e;
His eye is fixed upon us from above^f,—
Beneath us is the Everlasting Arm^g.

And hark! methinks from Heaven a still, small voice^h,
Whispering sweet accents in our ear, of peace:
Why weep ye thus, and mourn? rather rejoiceⁱ;
In Zion's plains, your wanderings soon shall cease.

^a Isa. xi. 10.

^b Matt. vii. 25.

^c Isa. lxiii. 1.

^d Prov. ii. 7.

^e 1 Pet. iii. 13.

^f Psal. xxxiii. 18.

^g Dent. xxxiii. 27.

^h 1 Kings xix. 12.

ⁱ Matt. v. 12. Rom. v. 2. Phil. iv. 4.

Soon will the Sun of Righteousness arise,
And heavenly warmth and comfort round you fling;
Darkness and doubt before His lustre flies,
And holiest balm drops healing from His wing[†].

Even now, behold, in Heaven's arch appears
The Morning Star, clear—lovely—bright¹ :
O troubled souls ! away your doubts and fears,
And hail with faith, and joy, returning light.

[†] Mal. iv. 2.

¹ Rev. ii. 28. See Scott's Exposition Notes, ver. 24—28.

² Pet. i. 19.

HYMN IV.

"Ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life."

John v. 40.

JESU! we come to bathe our weary souls,
Where Mercy's stream her sacred waters rolls^a;
River of Love!—a dying Saviour's blood!
O! plunge us, Lord, beneath that healing flood.

Long have we wandered from the path of peace,
But O! in Thee, let all our wanderings cease;
Long have we turned from Mercy's gentle voice,
But now we come—we tremble, yet rejoice^b.

Reject us not, though all defiled with sin;
Open Thy fold, O Lord! and take us in^c:
Wearied and weak, without Thine aid we fall,
Be Thou our Strength, our Saviour, and our all.

^a Zech. xiii. 1.

^b Psal. ii. 11.

^c Luke xv. 3—7.

H Y M N V.

“ Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith ?

Matt. viii. 26.

O YE ! who faint beneath the power
Of suffering's agonizing hour,—
Ye who, by sorrow long opprest,
Have sighed, in vain, for earthly rest.

Yet bear ye on a little space,
Plenteous in mercy, and in grace^a,
He, whom ye trust, will soon appear^b,
And chase away each trembling fear.

The silent tear that dims your eyes^c,—
The patient prayers that daily rise^d;—
All, all, are registered above^e,
By One who chastens you in love.

^a Psal. ciii. 8.

^b Isa. lxvi. 5. Mark vi. 47—51. John xvi. 22.

^c Psal. lvi. 8; cxxvi. 5, 6. ^d Psal. lxx. 2. Luke xviii. 1.

^e Acts x. 4.

O ye afflicted, tempest-tost !
 Not comforted !—ye are not lost^f !—
 A Heavenly Pilot safely guides
 Your struggling bark through adverse tides^g.

From the depths of tribulation^h,
 Ye shall anchor soon in Heavenⁱ ;
 Droop not, poor mourners—ye are blest^k,
 Sweet after labour will be rest.

^f Isa. liv. 11.^g Matt. viii. 23—27.^h Acts xiv. 22. Rev. vii. 14.ⁱ Heb. vi. 18—20.^k Matt. v. 4.

HYMN VI.

"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

Isa. lix. 19.

SPIRIT of Truth and Life! whose hallowed streams
Can shed sweet lustre o'er earth's cloudy vale;
When shall Thy glorious light, Thy sacred beams,
O'er the deep darkness of the world prevail^a?

When against Satan will our God appear,
And vengeance on the enemy be hurled^b?
When shall the Lord His standard high uprear^c?
When shall His glorious banner be unfurled?

Almighty God! to Thee we lift our eyes^d,
And plead the promises Thy Word declares^e;
To Thee our hopes, our fervent wishes rise—
To Thee we cry, Hear, hear, our earnest prayers.

^a Isa. xxv. 7.

^b Deut. xxxii. 41.

^c Isa. lix. 19.

^d Psal. cxxiii.

^e Isa. xxv.; xxix. 18, 19; xxxv.; xlii. 16. Jer. xxxii. 37—42.

O may the Spirit of the Lord descend,
 As floods of water on the thirsty ground^f;
 Then Zion's grief, in holy peace shall end^g,
 And righteousness and praise spring forth around^h.

The wilderness shall blossom as the roseⁱ;
 The desert shall become a fruitful field^k;
 For Zion's King shall triumph o'er her foes^l,
 And God's unbounded mercy be revealed^m.

^f Isa. xliv. 3.

^g Ch. li. 3. Zeph. iii. 14—20. Zech. ii. 10—13.

^h Isa. lxi. 11.

ⁱ Ch. xxxv. 1.

^k Ch. xxxii. 15.

^l Jer. xxiii. 5, 6. Zech. ix. 9; xiv. 9.

^m John xiii. 7. Rom. viii. 18. 1 Cor. ii. 9. Jude, ver. 21.

HYMN VII.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Rev. xiv. 13.

CHRISTIAN! thou art gone to rest^a,
On thy dear Redeemer's breast^b,
Hushed are all thy busy fears,
God has wiped away thy tears^c.

Thou, before thy Saviour's face^d,
All His depth of love can trace^e;
Sweet thy soul's enraptured lays^f,
Loud thy hallowed song of praise^g.

Happy Spirit! thou art flown,
Where distress is never known^h;
Never shalt thou feel again
Anguish for a brother's pain.

Where thy winged footsteps rove,
All is light, and peace, and loveⁱ;
Heavenly glories round thee shine,
Everlasting joys are thine^k.

^a Isa. lvii. 2. Heb. iv. 1. 9.

^b Matt. xi. 28.

^c Rev. vii. 17; xxi. 4.

^d 1 Cor. xiii. 12. 1 John iii. 2.

^e John xiii. 7.

^f Rev. v. 8, 9.

^g Ver. 12.

^h Job iii. 17.

ⁱ Rev. xxi. 3, 4.

^k Isa. xxxv. 10.

Hateful Sin's envenomed dart
 Never more shall pierce thy heart¹;
 All thy sins have been forgiven^m,
 Blest inhabitant of Heaven !

Disappointment cannot fling
 O'er thy joys her darksome wing;
 God's own beams around thee playⁿ,
 Sighing and grief are fled away^o.

Christian ! thou hast fought the fight^p,
 Strong in thy Redeemer's might :
 Christian ! thou the race hast run,
 And the heavenly prize is won^q.

¹ Rev. xxi. 27 ; xxii. 3. ^m 1 John ii. 12. ⁿ Rev. xxi. 23.

^o Isa. xxxv. 10.

^p 2 Tim. iv. 7.

^q 1 Cor. ix. 24—27. Heb. xii. 1, 2.

HYMN VIII.

“ When He was yet a great way off, His Father saw Him,
and had compassion.”

Luke xv. 20.

FATHER ! again in Jesu's name we meet,
And bow in penitence beneath Thy feet :
Again to Thee our feeble voices raise,
To sue for mercy, and to sing Thy praise.

O we would bless Thee for Thy ceaseless care,
And all Thy works from day to day declare^a :
Is not our life with hourly mercies crowned^b ?
Does not Thine arm encircle us around ?

Alas ! unworthy of Thy boundless love,
Too oft our feet, from Thee, our Father, rove ;
But now, encouraged by Thy voice we come,
Returning sinners to a Father's home^c.

O by that Name, in whom all fulness dwells^d—
O by that Love, which every love excels^e—
O by that Blood, so freely shed for sin^f,
Open sweet mercy's gate, and take us in.

^a Psal. lxxi. 17.

^b Psal. ciii. 4.

^c Luke xv. 11—32.

^d Col. i. 19.

^e 1 John iv. 9, 10.

^f Matt. xxvi. 28.

H Y M N IX.

" He hideth Himself that I cannot see Him, but He knoweth
the way that I take."

Job xxiii. 9, 10.

MY Saviour ! when I read Thy word,
I cast away my fear,
A cloud conceals Thee from my sight,
But yet I know Thee near^a.

I mourn, for Thou art all to me^b,
My light, my joy, my God !
The hours in heaviness roll on,
Yet still I kiss the rod^c.

A silent tear oft trickles down^d,
While busy memory
Recals the peace, the tranquil joy,
Of days and years gone by.

Is it in love Thou dost rebuke^e,
To break each earthly tie ?
Is it to make me like Thyself^f,
More pure, more heavenly ?

^a Job xxxiii. 1—10

^b Psal. xxx. 7 ; xlii. ; xliii.

^c Micah vi. 9.

^d Psal. lvi. 8 ; cxxvi. 5. Lam. iii. 49, 50.

^e Rev. iii. 19.

^f Heb. xii. 10.

Didst Thou not suffer anguish deep—
 O deeper, far, than mine?
 Saviour! Eternal Son of God!
 Was ever grief like Thine^c?

Hast Thou not drained the lowest dregs
 Of earthly woe for me^b?
 And shall a child of dust refuse^d
 To share this cup with Thee^k?

Saviour, uphold me, and O bid^l
 My rebel heart be still;
 Then shall I patiently adore,
 And wait the Almighty will.

Then will I follow Thee through all,
 Rich in Thy changeless love^m;
 O let me suffer with Thee here,
 And reign with Thee aboveⁿ.

^c Lam. i. 12.

^b Matt. xxvii. 46. ^l Eccles. iii. 20. Lam. iii. 39.

^k John xviii. 11. ^d 2 Cor. xii. 9.

^m John xiii. 1. Heb. xiii. 8. ⁿ 2 Tim. ii. 12.

HYMN X.

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Matt. v. 4.

BRIGHT silver star, whose tender light^a
Beams through the darkness of the night,
Peaceful, through stormy clouds, thy ray
Holds on its mild and hallowed sway.

Sweet emblem, Thou, of that pale light,
Which gleams athwart his deepest night,
When clouds on clouds tempestuous roll
Around a suffering Christian's soul.

Thy beams are powerless to impart
Comfort to his dejected heart ;
Nor can thy clear, but distant ray
Throw *Light* upon his weary way.

Yet, O sweet mercy ! he can trace,
In the mild lustre of thy face ;
Though cold thy beam, it shines from Heaven ;
Christian, fear not—thou art forgiven.

^a 2 Pet. i. 19.

HYMN XI.

"Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and
I will give you rest."

Matt. xi. 28.

COME, Pilgrims, to your Saviour's breast;
O come, and He will give you rest;
He calls you with His heavenly voice;
Come ye, rest sweetly, and rejoice.

Cast ye your burdens on the Lord^a,
Cling to His cross, and trust His word;
Has He not said, Come ye, and live^b?
Has He not promised all to give^c?

Are ye in darkness?—He is light^d,
Come, and ye shall receive your sight^e;
Are ye afflicted?—He has balm,
The wildest throbs of grief to calm^f.

Ye need not tremble: He is Love^g;
O raise your hands, your hearts above^h,
Ask what ye will, ye shall receive;
Pilgrims, fear not—only believeⁱ.

^a Psal. lv. 22. ^b John v. 40. ^c Ch. xiv. 14, 15; xv. 7.

^d John viii. 12. ^e Luke iv. 18; xviii. 35—43.

^f Isa. lxi. 1. Matt. ix. 35. ^g 1 John iv. 8—10.

^h Lam. iii. 41. ⁱ Mark v. 36.

HYMN XII.

CHRISTMAS.

“ Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.”

Luke ii. 10.

CHRISTIANS! awake the song of praise,
And loud to Heaven, Hosannas raise,
Well it becomes us to record
The birth-day of our Infant Lord.

We sing Salvation!—glorious scheme!
Wonder of Heaven, celestial theme*,
The glories of a Throne on high,
Exchanged for helpless infancy.

O work, by Sovereign mercy wrought,
O love, surpassing human thought!
The breadth, the length, the depth, the height,
Unfathomable—infinite^b.

We hail a Saviour, Christ the Lord^c!
A new-born babe, the eternal Word^d!
Lord, while our spirits upward soar,
We fall before Thee, and adore^e.

* 1 Pet. i. 12.

^b Rom. xi. 33.

^c Luke ii. 11.

^d Luke ii. 12. Rev. xix. 13.

^e Matt. li. 11.

Hark! Seraph voices rend the sky^f!
Join we the Angelic Minstrelsy:—
Let every eye be fixed above,
And beam with gratitude and love.

O Christians, high your voices raise,
Join in one burst of joy and praise,
“Glory to God, and peace on earth;”
Sweet Anthem on a Saviour’s birth.

^f Luke ii. 13, 14.

H Y M N XIII.

GOOD FRIDAY.

"A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief."

Isa. liii. 3.

MARKED ye that low and troubled moan,
That deep and agonizing groan^a?
Heard ye that loud and bitter cry,
Rending the heights of Calvary^b?

Darkness around creation spreads^c,
Ye mountains, veil your towering heads,
Hide, glowing sun, your radiant beams,
Emblem of Him, whose life-blood streams.

All nature weeps—and shall thine eye
Unthinking man, alone be dry?
Will ye not gaze a moment here?
And can ye gaze without a tear?

O pause awhile—behold—and mourn.—
For you, that heart with grief is torn:
For you, that soul's deep agony,
Bleeding for your iniquity^d.

^a Matt. xxvi. 36—46. Mark xiv. 32—42. Luke xxii. 41—44.

^b Matt. xxvii. 46. 50. Mark xv. 34. ^c Luke xxiii. 44, 45.

^d Isa. liii. 4—6.

That eye which wept beside the tomb^e
Of one beloved, in darkest gloom
Is fixed, no more to overflow
Compassionate for earthly woe^f.

And see, those lips of wisdom close,
Hushed in Death's silent, grim repose,
Whose heavenly tones oft soothed the sad,
And made the trembling mourner glad^g.

Yet, ere their gentle accents cease,
One sweet, last prayer they breathe of peace:—
“Father, forgive”—O words of love^h,
Wafted on angels' wings above!

^e John xi. 35.

^f Luke xix. 41.

^g Ch. vii. 36—50.

^h Luke xxiii. 34.

HYMN XIV.

PART I. — EASTER EVE.

“Smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.”

Zech. xiii. 7.

“O ISRAEL'S Shepherd! where art Thou?
Thy trembling sheep are fled,
Terror and grief have scattered them,
And every hope is dead.”

Whence are these murmuring sounds of grief?
Who art thou mourning so?
Is it thy Spirit, Jerusalem,
Filling night's ear with woe^a?

Alas! for thee, thou guilty one^b!
Thy deep iniquity
By earth and heaven is mourned^c, but O,
Satan hath blinded thee^d.

^a Isa. iii. 26; xlii. 6; lxi. 14. Jer. iv. 8; xiv. 2.

^b Jer. xv. 5, 6. Ezek. xxii. 4. Zeph. iii. 1—7.

^c Jer. viii. 18—22; ix. 1. Lam. iii. 42—51. Ezek. ii. 10.

Micah vi. 1—5. Hos. vi.; vii. 1. 11—16; xi.

^d Isa. xxii. 12—14. Jer. xlii. 16. 2 Cor. iii. 14.

The lips that warned thee of thy fate^e,
 Are silent in the tomb,
 And thy own savage hands have pierced^f
 The heart that wept thy doom^g.

Still dost thou rear thy haughty brow^h,
 Defying heaven's wrathⁱ,
 But soon the Almighty arm upraised^k
 Shall crush thee as the moth^l.

Jerusalem! thou art ruined^m!
 Thy own proud heart has riven
 The covenant of love once thineⁿ,
 O favoured Child of Heaven!

^e Matt. xxiii. 36—38. ^f John xix. 34. ^g Luke xix. 41.

^h Isa. xxvi. 5; xxviii. 1; xlviii. 4. Jer. xlii. 9.

ⁱ Ezek. xii. 22. Micah iii. 11. ^k Jer. xxi. 5.

^l Jer. xlii. 14. Psal. xxxix. 11.

^m Isa. lli. 8. Ezek. vii. 1—4. Joel ii. 1, 2. Zeph. i. 14—18.

ⁿ Dent. xxviii. Jer. xi. 1—10.

PART II. —EASTER DAY.

“ He is not here, but is risen,”

Luke xxiv. 6.

BUT see! the third day's earliest dawn°
 Chases the night away,
 And faintly gleams across the East,
 Mild harbinger of day.

What gentle form is passing there^p,
 Bearing a burden sweet^q?
 Now drawing near the sepulchre^r
 With slow and timid feet?

And now she bends her o'er the tomb
 Of one she thinks still sleeps;
 She finds Him not, yet still, in love
 She lingers there and weeps^s.

And was it thou, whose mournful voice
 Breathed forth that tender moan?
 A timid woman!—hast thou dared
 To wander here alone?

° Matt. xxviii. 1.

^p John xx. 1.

^q Mark xvi. 1.

^r John xx. 1.

^s Ch. xx. 11.

Why weepest thou?—whom seekest thou^t,
 Daughter of Galilee?
 Have all thy Master's gracious words^a
 Fled from thy memory?

O slow of heart to understand
 All that the Scripture saith^v,
 Ardent in gratitude and love,
 But O how weak in faith.

Arise! lift up thyself from earth,
 A voice is calling thee^w;
 An eye that beams with heavenly truth,
 Is gently fixed on thee.

She turns,—she listens,—but her heart
 Still throbs with grief and fears;
 She gazes—but she sees Him not^x,
 Her eye is dim with tears.

“ Mary!”—O voice of Sovereign power^y!
 Accents divinely sweet:—
 Now, now she hails her risen Lord,
 And falls beneath his feet.

^t John xx. 15.^a Matt. xx. 17—19. John xvi. 22.^v Luke xxiv. 25, 26.^w John xx. 15.^x John xx. 14.^y Ver. 16.

And now to Galilee she hastes^a,
 Her footsteps winged with speed,
 Brethren! He lives, the Crucified,^b!
 The Lord is risen indeed^b!

O glorious tidings of great joy^c!
 Seal of futurity^d!
 We too, would hail Thee, and adore,
 Lord of eternity^e!

O help us all, the engrafted Word
 With meekness to receive^f;
 Blessed are they who have not seen,
 And yet on Thee believe^g.

^a Matt. xxviii. 7. Mark xvi. 7. 10. ^e Ver. 6.

^b Luke xxiv. 34. ^c Matt. xxviii. 8.

^d Rom. viii. 11. 1 Cor. xv. 20—26. 1 Pet. i. 3, 4.

^e Rev. i. 18.

^f James i. 21.

^g John xx. 29.

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